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Chess Journalist of America Award Winning Newsletter

Iowa Open 2-Time Champion Timur Gareyev Accepting His Prize From Mark Capron.

Oct. 5-7 or 6-7 27th annual Midwest Class Championships. US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 120 (ENHANCED). 5SS, 40/100, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10). Westin Chicago North Shore Hotel, 601 North Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL 60090 (from Chicago, I-294 north to US-45 north; from Milwaukee, I -94 to Lake Cook Rd to US-45 south). Free parking. **$20,000 guaranteed prizes.**. In 7 sections. **Premier** (1900/up): $2000-1000-500-300, clear win or 1st on tiebreak $100, top U2300 $800-400. FIDE. **1700-2099:** $1400-700-400-200. **1500-1899/Unr:** $1400-700-400-200. **1300-1699/Unr:** $1300-700-400-200. **1100-1499/ Unr:** $1200-600-400-200. **Under 1300/Unr:** $1000-500-300-200. **Under 1100/Unr:** $500-300-200-100, plaques to top 3, top U900, U700, U500, Unrated. **Mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player combined score among all sections: $800-400-200. Must average under 2200; may play in different sections; register (no extra fee) by 2 pm 10/6. **Unrated prize limits:** $100 U1100, $200 U1300, $300 1100-1499, $400 1300-1699, $600 1500-1899. **Top 6 sections EF:** $113 online at chessaction.com by 10/3, 3-day $118, 2-day $117 mailed by 9/26, all $130 at site, or online until 2 hrs before round 1. **Under 1100 EF:** all $50 less than above. **All:** No checks at site, credit cards OK. Online EF $5 less to ICA members; join/ renew at il-chess.org. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.com, Adult $35, Young Adult $22, Scholastic $15. Mailed or paid at site, Adult $40, Young Adult $25, Scholastic $17. **Re-entry** $50; not available in Premier. **GMs** $100 from prize. **3-day schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7, Sat 11 & 5, Sun 10 & 3:15. **2-day schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2 & 5, Sun 10 & 3:15. **Bye:** all, limit 2; Premier must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 3. **HR:** $113-113-113-113, 800-937-8461,847-777-6500, reserve by 9/21 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. Questions: chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269. $15 service charge for refunds. Entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly). Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied.

Oct 20th 2018. DuHawk RBO and Open IASCA Mini Qualifier RDS: 5SS , G/30 d5. Loras College Ballroom 4th floor in the Alumni Campus Center (ACC), 1450 Alta Vista St., Dubuque, IA 52001 **Rds**.: RBO Sat 10:00am; 11:00am; 1:pm; Then ASAP **EF**:$15 **PZ:** Trophy 1st thru 5th Place, top 5 secondary players and top player each grade K-6 **.Ent:**Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246**. evigil@gmail.com 319-6213116** or online at **https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ Additional Info:**Free Scholastic Membership if new or expired with entry fee. **Open Section EF** $30 G/65 d5 4SS 1st place $125, 2nd $75, 3rd $50 10:00-1PM, 4PM, 7PM

October 27-28. Des Moines Fall Classic Open and Reserve.
US CHESS JUNIOR GRAND PRIX! **Des Moines Fall Classic-(IASCA GP Qualifier)** FIDE-Rated US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED) 5-SS; G/90+30. Holiday Inn 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321. 515.287.2400. **HR**: $99 if reserved by October 6th On-site registration: 8:30-9:45 am on Saturday October 27th or Pay on-line by October 27th at Onlineregistration.cc Open: **Entry Fee**: Early Bird Special! $50 before October 1st, $60 before October 15th, $70 on site. U1600 add $10 to entry fee Time Control: G/ 90 +30 second increment **Round times**: Saturday 10:00 am, 2:30 pm; 7:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am, 2:00 pm **Prize info**: $1500 b/30 entries. Top 3 guaranteed. $500, $300 & $200 U2000-$150-$100; U1800-$150-$100 **Reserve U1600**: **Entry Fee**: $35 before October 15th, $45 on site Time Control: G/60; d5 **Round times**: Saturday 10:00 am; Lunch 1:00 pm; 3:15 pm; 6;30 pm **Prize info**: $375 b/16 entries. $100-$75; U1400-$60-$40; U1200-$60-$40 USCF membership required. On-site available IASCA membership required: $10. On-site available. Other states accepted Contact Bill Broich by phone at (515) 205-8062 or email bill@dsmchess.com. Additional info for Open Section: USCF ratings used for pairings and prizes. USCF October supplement used for ratings. FIDE rules apply. FIDE rule 11.3 enforced with regards to electronic devices. Byes: One 1/2 point bye for rounds 1-4 if requested 1 hour prior to the start of the round. Byes for round 5 must be requested before round one

October 27. Des Moines Fall Classic RBO. 5-SS; G/30, d5. Open to U1200 and Unrated. Holiday Inn 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321. 515.287.2400. **HR**: $99 if reserved by October 6th On-site registration: 8:00-9:15 am on Saturday October 27th. **Entry Fee**: $20 before October 22, $30 on site. $5 discount if out-of-state. $20 online until October 26. **Round times**: Saturday 9:30 am, 10:30 am; Lunch; 1:00 pm; rounds 4 & 5 ASAP. **Prize info**: Trophies: top 3 overall; U1000, U800, U600, U400, U200. Unrated only eligible for place prizes. USCF membership required. On-site available Contact Bill Broich by phone at (515) 205-8062 or email bill@dsmchess.com. Make checks payable to Bill Broich, 7149 Wilshire Blvd., Windsor Heights, IA 50324.

Nov 3. Moline Open (IASCA Mini-Qualifier). 4-SS. G/65, d5. Western Illinois University. Quad City Campus-3300 River Drive, Moline, IL. Riverfront Hall, Rooms 104 & 105. Use River Drive Exit off of I-75. **EF**: $30 in advance; $40 on-site. **Reg**: 8:30-9:30am Saturday. **Rds**: 10; 1; 3;30; 6. **Prizes**: 1st: $300, 2nd: $200, 3rd: $150, 4th: $50. US Chess Membership required and available at site. IASCA membership required for Iowa Residents: ($10 regular membership, $25 for patron membership) available on site or ahead of time on iowa-chess.org. **Send Entry to**: Rick Rector, 3614 N. Thornwood Ave., Davenport, IA 52806. **Info**: Rick Rector, rrector@mchsi.com or 563-940-0179, Leave message. Luis Peralta, lm-Peralta@wim.edu, 309-737-2890. This event is hosted by the Western Illinois Leatherneck Chess Club, Western Illinois-QC Campus, and the Illowa Chess Club. Bring chess sets and clocks. Free pizza and snacks provided.

Nov 3. Moline Open U1400. 4-SS. G/65, d5. Western Illinois University. Quad City Campus-3300 River Drive, Moline, IL. Riverfront Hall, Rooms 104 & 105. Use River Drive Exit off of I-75. **EF**: $30 in advance; $40 on-site. **Reg**: 8:30-9:30am Saturday. **Rds**: 10; 1; 3;30; 6. **Prizes**: 1st: $150, 2nd: $100, 3rd: $50. US Chess Membership required and available at site.

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Nov 3. Moline Open Unrated Beginner Division. 4-SS. G/30, d5. Western Illinois University. Quad City Campus-3300 River Drive, Moline, IL. Riverfront Hall, Rooms 104 & 105. Use River Drive Exit off of I-75. **EF**: $15 in advance; $20 on-site. **Reg**: 8:30-9:30am Saturday. **Rds**: 10; 11:30; 1; 2:30. **Prizes**: 1st: Chess Clock and set, 2nd-5th: chess set. **Send Entry to**: Rick Rector, 3614 N. Thornwood Ave., Davenport, IA 52806. **Info**: Rick Rector, rrector@mchsi.com or 563-940-0179, Leave message. Luis Peralta, lm-Peralta@wim.edu, 309-737-2890. This event is hosted by the Western Illinois Leatherneck Chess Club, Western Illinois-QC Campus, and the Illowa Chess Club. Bring chess sets and clocks. Free pizza and snacks provided.

Nov 17. ICPL Totally Tweens Tournament. 4-SS, G/25 no delay. In memory of Steve Young. Iowa City Public Library, 123 South Linn Street, Iowa City, IA 52240. **EF**: Free. **Rds**: 1pm then ASAP. **Prizes**: Trophies: Top 3 in grades 3, 4, 5, 6; Top "Young" player Under Grade 3; and Best player over 1000. Email Eric Vigil at evigil@gmail.com to register, include name, grade, school and US chess membership number if known. Questions? evigil@gmail.com or 319-621-3116. Players rated over 1000 will be put into a separate section. Players under Grade 3 eligible to play only if US Chess member. US chess ratings will be used to pair the event but the tournament is unrated.

Nov. 18 2018 Illinois Class Championship. US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15. An Illinois Chess Tour Event. 4/SS. Embassy Suites by Hilton Chicago/ Naperville, 1823 Arbiter Court, Naperville, IL 60563, 630-799-5900. **Sections G/60 d5:** M/X, A, B, C, D, E. **Sections G/45 d5:** U1000, U800. Nov. supplement determines eligibility. **Schedules:** M/X through Class E (G/60 d5): 10, 12:30, 3, 5:30. U1000 and U800 (G/45 d5): 10, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30. One half-point bye OK any round, must commit by end of round 2. **Prizes (fully guaranteed):** M/X $500-200-50; A thru D: $150-75-50; E, U1000, U800: Trophies to 1-2-3, medals to 4-5. **Entry Fee:** $50 M/X and Class A-D; $30 Class E, U1000, U800 at **kingregistration.com** or USPS postmarked by 11/9. $10 increase on all EFs after 11/9. Class A, B, C, D, E (1000-1199) players may play up ONE class for $20 play-up fee. 800-999 players may play up to Class E at no add. charge. U800 players rated 600 and up may play up to U1000 at no add. charge. $5 discount for ICA members (annual dues $15 regular, $10 scholastic), join at www.il-chess.org. Mail checks postmarked by 11/13/18 to Chess Weekend, 21694 Doud Ct., Frankfort, IL 60423. **No phone entries.** Free entry if requested by 10/9 to Illinois GMs, WGMs, IMs, WIMs, FMs, WFMs; email glenn@chessweekend.com to request. **On-site registration:** 8:30-9:30am. Entries after cutoff receive 1/2-point byes for round 1. Boards, sets, and clocks will be provided by The Illinois Chess Association. All special rules, details, and tournament conditions subject to change without notice; changes will be posted ASAP at the site & online. **INFO:** glenn@chessweekend.com.

Dec 8-9. 2018 Great Plains Open (FIDE Rated). 5-SS. G/90+30. Country Inn & Suites. 5353 North 27th St. Lincoln, NE 68521. Prizes: based on 30 paid entries. 1st: $350 (Guaranteed); 2nd: $150; 3rd: $100; U1800 1st: $125; U1600 1st: $125; U1400 1st: $100; unrated eligible for U1400. **EF**: $45 if postmarked by Dec 2. $60 on site **CASH ONLY**. **Rds**: Saturday 10-2:30-7:30; Sunday 10-2:30. US Chess membership required. Send Advance entries to: John Linscott, 7301 Twin Oaks Road, Lincoln, NE 68516. Make check payable to John Linscott, email confirmation of receipt will be sent. Questions? John Linscott at 402-314-2338 or johnglinscott@gmail.com. This event is being sponsored by the Nebraska State Chess Association and is being organized by John Linscott and directed by Bill Broich. US Chess November rating list used for pairing purposes and prizes. FIDE rules apply. FIDE rule 11.3 enforced with regards to electronic devices. Byes: One 1/2 point bye for rounds 1-4 if requested 30 minutes prior to the start of the round. Byes for round 5 must be requested during registration. Bring Sets, Clocks and Boards.

Feb 2-3 2019. **5th Annual Port of Burlington Open FIDE and USCF Rated** Iowa State GP Qualifier Event. Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points 10 Enhanced. 5SS , G/90 i30. The Loft of Burlington, 416 Jefferson St., Burlington, IA 52601 **$600 Guaranteed**. Open $200+Trophy-125-100 U2000 $100 U1800 $75 Chess Book for top three Upsets; **EF**: $60 till Jan 28th then $70;. IM and GM free. Iowa State Membership (if resident of Iowa) Req'd, Other States Welcome. **Reg**.: Ends 30 min before round 1. No electronic devices in the playing hall. **Rds**.: Sat 10:00am; 2:30pm; 7:30pm; Sun 9:00am;2:00pm. All Sections One half point bye if requested before round1.Ent:Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. evigil@gmail.com 319-6213116 or online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ Additional Info: USCF and FIDE Rated. Feb 2018 USCF Rating supplement will be used for Pairing Purposes .FIDE rules will be used. Espresso machine will be onsite. Birthday cake will be served.

Feb 2nd 2019. Port of Burlington Reserve U1600 4-SS G/60 d5. The Loft of Burlington, 416 Jefferson St., Burlington, IA 52601 **EF** $25, $30 After Jan 28th or onsite **Rounds** 10AM, 12:30pm, 3:45pm Asap **Prizes** $100 1st place, $75 second, $50 3rd U1400 $50 based on 15 entries. (60% payout), Chess Book for best upset and Board Raffle Prizes! Free regular Scholastic membership if expired or new member for all sections. All Sections One half point bye if requested before round1.Ent:Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. evigil@gmail.com 319-6213116 or online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ Espresso machine will be onsite. Birthday cake will be served.

Feb 2nd 2019. Port of Burlington RBO. 5-SS. G/30 d5. The Loft of Burlington, 416 Jefferson St., Burlington, IA 52601 **EF** $15, $20 After Jan 28th or onsite. **Rds**: Sat 10, 11, 1pm, rounds 4 and 5 ASAP **Prizes**: Trophies 1-5th place U1000, U800, U600 1st and 2nd

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Library:	$25 per year

Hello From the Editor:

Inside you will find contributions from: Eric Vigil, GM Timur Gareyev, NM Joseph Wan, NM Arshaq Saleem, Ming Lodh, Arnie Gatton, Cub Noble, Owen Fiedorowicz, and Mark Capron.

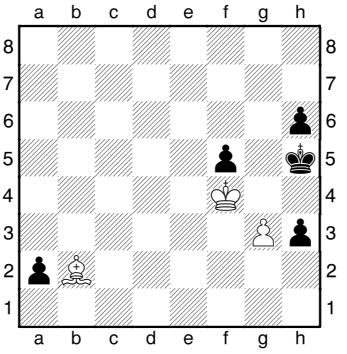
Photos by Eric Vigil, Jess Fiedorowicz, Christine Denison, and Mark Capron.

The IASCA won several Chess Journalist of America Awards. The En Passant won the Best Electronic State Newsletter! The article "Where Chess and History Meet - Bethany Carson" received Honorable Mention in Best Interview category. GM Alex Yermolinsky's annotated Game from the Iowa Open received first place in Best Analysis Online. Benjamin Darr received honorable mention for this category. Bethany received honorable mention for best Website for the iowa -chess.org site.

Due to an upcoming job change I will likely be moving out of state. We will need to find a person to take over the En Passant. I would like my last issue to be January 2019, but would be willing to help the person taking over on the April 2019 issue. My position as Treasurer will be up for election at the annual meeting so if interested please submit your info so we can put it in the January issue and people can be informed.

As always when you see chess news please submit it. —Mark Capron

Puzzle Time:



White to move and mate in 4.

Avoid the crowd. Do your own hinking independently. Be the Chess player not the Chess piece. — Ralph Charell

'Cause it's time, it's time in time with your time and its news is captured
For the queen to use.
Move me on to any black square,
Use me any time you want,
Just remember that the goal
'Sfor us to capture all we want, anywhere.
—Jon Anderson (Lyrics to song *Your Move* by Yes)

Many leaders are tempted to lead like a chess master, striving to control every move, when they should be leading like gardeners, creating and maintaining a viable ecosystem in which the organization operates. —Stanley A. McChrystal

I failed to make the Chess team because of my Height. —Woody Allen

U400 1st and 2nd, U200 1st and Unrated 1st and 2nd, Board Raffle Prizes . All Sections One half point bye if requested before round1.Ent:Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. evigil@gmail.com 319-6213116 or online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ Espresso machine will be onsite. Birthday cake will be served.

March 2-3, 2019. 2019 Cedar Rapids Leather Jackets Open IASCA GP Qualifier. 5-SS; G/90+30. Open with Class prizes. **USCF & FIDE Rated** Physician Clinic of Iowa, Community Resource Center, Third Floor 202 10th Street SE ,3rd Floor, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 Rds: Sat 10-2:30-7:15, Sun 9-2. **Prizes:** All Open Prizes ($730 b/16). 1st Place = $250 + trophy, 2nd Place = $175, 3rd Place = $125, U2000 & U1800 $90 each. **Entry Fee**: $50 if registered on or before 2/28, $60 afterward or on-site. **USCF Membership** is required. **IASCA Membership is required.** Can be purchased ahead of time at iowa-chess.org Memberships also available on site. Out of State accepted. **Registration**: 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM **Send early fees to**: James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 or register online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/

March 2, 2019. 2019 Cedar Rapids Leather Jackets Reserve Under USCF 1600 4SS. G/75, +5. Physician Clinic of Iowa, Community Room (3rd Floor), 202 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 **Rounds:** Four rounds: 10 AM, 1:15 PM, 4:15 PM, 7:15 PM **Prizes:** Reserve (b/24), 1st = $140, 2nd = $90, U1400, U1200, U1000 = $45, each. Unrateds eligible for 1st and 2nd prizes only. **Entry Fee:** $30 if registered on or before 2/28, $40 afterward or on-site. USCF Membership is required. IASCA Membership is NOT required. Memberships are available on site. **Registration:** 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM. **Send early fees to:** James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 or register online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/

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Player	Points	Events
Joseph Cheng-Yue Wan	34.8	4
James Alex Neal Ii	32.8	4
Tim R Mc Entee	18.8	3
Valeriy Kosokin	16.4	3
Cub Rollin-Lloyd Nob	16.2	5
Arshaq Saleem	15.8	1
Michael John Takahashi	11.7	5
Daniel Brashaw	11	2
Alex Richter	10.5	1
Daniel Vasto	9.7	2
Robert L Reynolds	9	2
Tony D Thompson	7.5	1
Christopher Nienart	6	1
Owen Fiedorowicz	5.3	1
Gregory Gage Peterso	5.3	1
Gokul Thangavel	4.3	1
William John Polzin	3	1
Timothy Harrington-Taber	3	2
Nathan Chen	3	1
Benjamin J Darr	3	2
Abhyudaya Shukla	2.7	2
Artur Mueller	2.5	1
Thomas Hesse	1.5	3
Stephen W Lapinsky	1.5	2
Anish Lodh	0.7	2
Joseph Ronald Millam	0.5	1
Jacob T Vigil	0.5	2
Eric Golf Vigil	0.5	1
Anjali Lodh	0.5	2
Yesdaulet Izenov	0.2	1

Winning is not a secret that belongs to a very few, winning is something that we can learn by studying ourselves, studying the environment and making ourselves ready for any challenge that is in front of us.
—Garry Kasparov

2018 Lee County Fair Chess Tournament

by Arnie Gatton

Nick Hantzeas from Ft Madison,IA won with 4 wins at the 2018 Aulden VanWinkle Chess Tournament was held on July 8,2018, at the Lee County Fair in Donellson, IA.

Malachi Campbell from Carthage, IL took 1st place medal and James Hunold of Donellson, IA took the 2nd place medal in the youth section of the Lee Co Fair's Tournament.

Hantzeas beat Jesse VanWinkle of Winterset, IA, the 2017 Champion, in the 4th round take home the Aulden VanWinkle Traveling Trophy, which was crafted by Doc VanWinkle, the son of Aulden Van Winkle, who the tournament is named after.

Aulden VanWinkle was a long time supporter of the Lee County Fair and was one of the original founder of the long running tournament. A moment of silence was observed for another original founder and the original director, Carl Dunn, who passed away last year.

The Lee County Fair Tournament is a non-rated G/30 annual event at the Lee County Fair Tournament. The tournament is sponsored by the VanWinkle Family and the Tri-State Chess Club. Doug Campbell directed the tournament.

The Tri-State Chess Club meets every Monday, at the HyVee Deli, in Keokuk, IA.

Chess Director Doug Campbell of Carthage, IL stands behind Doc VanWinkle of Burlington, IA, while he hands the 2018 Lee County Chess Champion, Nick Hantzeas of Ft' Madison, IA, the hand crafted Aulden VanWinkle Traveling Trophy Clock, with 2017 Chess Champion, Jesse VanWinkle of Winterset, IA, standing behind him.

Open

#	Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	T
1	Hantzeas, Nick	1900	W6	W4	W7	W3	4
2	Gatton, Albert A	1361	W8	L5	W9	W7	3
3	VanWinkle, Charles	1518	W9	L7	W5	L1	2
4	Cordts, William J	1491	W10	L1	W6	L5	2
5	Felgar, Stan	1133	L2	W2	L3	W4	2
6	Alvis, Jewels D	937	L1	W8	L4	W10	2
7	VanWinkle, Jesse	UNR	W5	W3	L1	L2	2
8	Kokjohn, Mike	UNR	L2	L6	W10	W9	2
9	Sparrow, Jason	898	L3	W10	L2	L8	1
10	Couner, Jeremy	UNR	L4	L9	L8	L6	0

Youth

1	Campbell, Malachi	584	W3	W2	W4	W2	4
2	Hunold, James	UNR	W4	L1	W3	L1	2
3	Campbell, Matthew	UNR	L1	D4	L2	W4	1.5
4	Campbell, Makayla	155	L2	D3	L1	L3	0.5

My problem with chess was that all my pieces wanted to end the game as soon as possible.
— Dave Barry

2018 Barber

By Owen Fiedorowicz

I was honored to be able to represent the State of Iowa at the 2018 Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions at the U.S. Open in Madison, WI. Going into the first round, I was paired up against a strong 2100's from Massachusetts. The game is annotated below.

2018 Barber Round 1. Danila Poliannikov (2183) vs Owen Fiedorowicz (1794)

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O d6 6.♖e1 ♗e7 7.c3 b5 8.♗b3 ♘a5 9.♗c2 c5 10.d4 ♗g4? This move loses a pawn. **11.d×e5 ♗×f3 12.♕×f3 d×e5 13.♘d2?** Better was: 13.♕g3 and I cannot save both the e5 and g7 pawn. **13...O-O 14.♘f1** Trying to come to g3 and then f5 **14...♘c4 15.♘g3 ♘d6** Stopping the knight from coming to f5 **16.♗e3 ♕c7 17.♖ad1 ♖fd8 18.♗g5 a5 19.h4 b4 20.♘f5 ♘×f5 21.e×f5 ♖ab8 22.g3 c4 23.♗d2?** This move is inactive, and now black has the advantage. **23...b3 24.a×b3 c×b3** And now my goal is to push a5-a4-a3, trade off for his b2 pawn, and then have a passed pawn. **25.♗b1 a4 26.♕e2 ♖d5 27.♗g5 ♖a5 28.♕f3 a3 29.b×a3 ♖×a3 30.♖e3 b2 31.♗×f6 ♗×f6 32.♖ed3 ♖a1 33.♔h2 h6 34.♕e4 ♕c5 35.♔g2 ♖b3 36.♕f3 ♖aa3 37.♕g4 ♕c7** 37...♖×c3?? 38.♖d8+ And white is crushing 38...♗×d8 39.♖×d8+ ♔h7 40.♕g6+ f×g6 41.f×g6# **38.♖d7 ♕c6+ 39.♗e4 ♖a4 40.♗×c6 ♖×g4 41.f3 ♖×c3 42.f×g4 ♖×c6** Here I have a bishop and an amazing pawn for a rook, this is a draw. **43.♖b7 e4** 43...♖c2+ This gives black better chance for the win, but is still a draw. **44.♖d2 ♖c1 45.♖d×b2 ♗×b2 46.♖×b2 ♖c3 47.♖e2 ♖c4 48.♖a2 ♖c3 49.♖a8+ ♔h7 50.♖e8 ♖c4 51.♖e7 f6 52.g5 h×g5 53.h×g5 f×g5 54.f6 ♖c6 55.♖×g7+ ♔h6 56.♖e7 ♖×f6 57.♖×e4** And after many more moves my opponent finally accepted a draw. **½-½**

Editor

During the games Jess Fiedorowicz was posting updates on facebook, I will include some of them (with his permission) as I really enjoyed them and thought you might too: "Owen is 100 minutes in to his first of six rounds at the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions at the U.S. Open. He finds himself rated 33rd out of the 50 participants and hopes to play his way to a stronger than expected finish for the Hawkeye state. In Round 1, he faces Candidate Master Danila Poliannikov from Massachusetts (USCF 2183). By rating, Owen has a 3.4% chance of winning and 9.3% chance of drawing. Owen's been playing well so I wouldn't count him out."

Jess: "O still fighting 3 hours in. I haven't gone to look, but was told that he is doing 'very well'."

Jess: "They are still playing 3 hours and 40 minutes in. I'm told that Owen was winning by multiple observers and Owen had 45 minutes left on his clock to his opponents 5. I'm told that Owen didn't think long enough in a critical position and lost his advantage. He is now in a rook and pawn endgame that is a theoretical draw. His opponent is in time trouble and playing off the 30 second increment."

Jess: "Owen returns with an upset draw and a sigh 'I was winning.' It sounds like he played a great game overall."

The next round, I was paired against Max Egan, a 1900's from Indiana. I prepared a line that would transpose into one of my favorites, a very strong opening. In the game, I had poor time usage. I was playing too fast. That allowed my opponent to slip out of my bind into a drawn rook and pawn ending. I continued poor time management, and ended up losing the game.

Jess: "Round 2 begins with a Nc6 Sicilian, consistent with what he was expecting from this opponent. By rating, Owen has a 22% chance of a win, 23% chance for a draw, and a 55% chance of a loss. I'm not sure I'd pay any attention to that with both of these players coming off an upset draw in Round 1."

Jess: "Owen finished his ~2.5 hours Round 2 game. He lost. He feels he played too fast. He had a rook and pawn endgame that should have been a draw, but sacrificed a pawn to try to create a win, but it didn't work out.

In the third round, I was paired against Isaiah Soori, a 1500's from North Dakota. I

struggled to concentrate during the game, and ended up dropping a Queen.

Jess: "Owen started Round 3 as black. Owen is the favorite for this game with a 70% chance of winning, 15% loss, based on rating. Owen currently has 0.5/2.0 and Isaiah has 1.0/2.0."

Jess: "He is a bit deflated, but remains focused. He decided to go to bed early tonight to try and come back strong for the final three rounds."

In the fourth round, I played Mark Chen, a very underrated 1200's from Hawaii. The Continental Chess Association had given him a 1700 minimum rating after he won the U1500 Section of The National Open in Las Vegas in June. He has now reached 1692 after this month's Hawaii Open. This game went into an endgame, where I got 3 pawns for his piece. I managed to win another pawn, and then the game. The notation from this game is below:

2018 Barber Round 1. Mark Chen (1276) vs Owen Fiedorowicz (1794)

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 e×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘×c6 b×c6 6.♘c3 ♗b4 7.♗d3 h6 8.O-O O-O 9.♗d2 ♖e8 10.♖e1 d5 11.e5 ♘g4 12.♗f4 ♕h4 13.♗g3 ♕g5 14.f4 ♗c5+ 15.♔h1 ♕×f4 16.♖f1 ♕g5 17.♕f3 ♗e6 18.♖ae1 ♕d8 19.♘a4 ♗b6 20.♘×b6 a×b6 21.h3 ♖×a2 22.h×g4 ♖×b2 23.♖b1 ♖×b1 24.♖×b1 ♕g5 25.♖a1 ♗×g4 26.♕f4 ♕×f4 27.♗×f4 g5 28.♗g3 c5 29.e6 ♖×e6 30.♗×c7 c4 31.♗f1 ♗e2 32.♗×e2 ♖×e2 33.♗×b6 ♖×c2 34.♖d1 ♖b2 35.♗g1 ♖b5 36.♗d4 ♖b3 37.♗g1 ♖d3 38.♖×d3 c×d3 39.♗e3 ♔g7 40.♔h2 ♔g6 41.♔g3 ♔f5 42.♔f3 h5 43.♗f2 d2 44.♔e2 ♔e4 45.♔×d2 f5 46.♔e2 d4 47.♔d2 f4 48.♗e1 h4 49.♗f2 f3 0-1

Jess: "I checked on this game 15 minutes ago and now. The position is unchanged. His opponent has spent 15+ minutes contemplating this one move. It's a very imbalanced, sharp, dangerous position, much in line with Owen's style of play. Owen, up a pawn, has left his queen en prise *in an active position with threat of tactics. Whoever miscalculates first will lose. This won't be a draw."*

Jess: "Gokul assess the position as 'a mix of both' crazy and wild. He prefers Owen."

Jess: "Two hours and twenty minutes in, no material has been exchanged since the last update. Owen still up a pawn. Both players have about 30 minutes on their clock. The position is no longer sharp. Owen's pieces are now less active. Owen has gone from offering a queen on e5 to retreating his queen to the 8th rank."

Jess: "Owen picks up his first win in Round 4 after a 3.5+ hour game. Owen's opponent resigned with 7 seconds left on his clock in an endgame where Owen had 4 pawns to the opponents bishop and pawn. His opponent couldn't stop Owen's pending pawn advance. Owen considered it a tough game. Here is Owen's summary: 'It was a Scotch, he advanced his pawn to e5. I put my knight on an awkward square to pressure it. He played f4 later, not realizing Qxf4 would win the pawn. Later, my knight got trapped, but I managed to get a rook on the open a-file and won his a2 and b2 pawns for the knight. After that, I had three pawns for a dark squared bishop, but all his pawns were very weak and I managed to win one of them. He needed to try to keep most pieces on the board, but he traded a lot off and my four pawns ended up overwhelming his one piece and I won.'"

In the fifth round, I played Sanjay Rajjan, a 1400's from Nebraska. He did not know the opening well, and accepted a gambit that provided me a completely crushing position. He later lost a piece, and then the game.

Jess: "80 minutes in, Owen is down a pawn. He has a menacing knight safely outposted on g6. Owen also has a rook aiming down a half open h-file supporting the h5 pawn supporting the knight. Owen's king is uncastled on a half open e-file (Owen has no e-pawn). Another intense position for O-dawg."

Jess: "Per Anish, Owen is 'down a pawn' but has 'more than enough compensation for that pawn.' Anish feels that Owen's opponent's position is 'horrible' and that Owen will win the pawn back."

Jess: "Owen has a crushing position right now. He is up a piece and a pawn and has much more active pieces. His king is now safely cas-

tled. His opponent has a rook trapped behind an uncastled king. He's have to drop another queen to lose this."

Jess: "Owen wins Round 5 with an Arabian mate in the middle game. 2.5/5.0. He claws his way back to the middle of the pack."

Jess: "Here is Owen's summary of game 5: 'He played the Caro-Kann wrong and got his king in an unsafe location very early. Then he made it worse by getting greedy and taking a pawn which allowed my pieces to get very active. With y piece activity, I prevented him from moving his e- g- pawns which permanently blockaded the bishop and the rook. Then, I was able to win the bishop, the rook and then the game.'"

In the final round, I played Ryan Amburgy, a 1900's from Oklahoma, I got into a very dynamic position where I was slightly worse, I ended up getting my king in a very unsafe position, and he managed to win four pawns.

Jess: "Owen expected a Scandanavian or a Petrov this morning and prepared for the former. The game indeed went into a Scandanavian although his opponent certainly has more experience in these lines than Owen."

Jess: "Arshaq Saleem of West High finishes with an impressive 4.0/6.0 for his final Denker performance. At 65 minutes in, Arshaq assesses Owen's position. He says Owen is even materially. Owen had a worse position earlier, but has improved positionally and now only has a slightly worse position due to some minor king safety issues."

Jess: "Owen lost. He had to give up some pawns to prevent an attack on his king and his opponent was able to force a trade down into a winning position. He describes the position as 'super confusing.' He finishes with 2.5/6.0, approximately what he was expected to score based on rating. Own says he is leaving the Barber 'inspired' and not 'tired.' He would have wanted to stay to enter the US Open were we not leaving on vacation. He was given a souvenir board from the event after his last round. He feels good about his performance and enjoyed the opportunity to play a state champion every round. "

Overall I had a very fun experience at the Barber, and it was my first time scoring against a 2100+ in a regular event.

Round 1. Danila Poliannikov (MA) 2183 vs Owen Fiedorowicz (IA) 1794

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#	Player	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T
1	Brashaw, Daniel	2226*	2216*	W6	W6	W8	W8	W7	W7	W2	W2	L3	W3	W10	W10	11.0
2	Hodina, James	1774*	1800*	W14	W14	W11	W11	W4	W4	L1	L1	W10	W10	W3	W3	10.0
3	Lodh, Anish	1706*	1728*	W10	L10	W5	W5	W8	W8	W7	W7	W1	L1	L2	L2	8.0
4	Pregon, Joseph Je	1317*	1327*	W20	W20	W9	W9	L2	L2	L10	L10	W11	W11	W12	W12	8.0
5	Bowers, Frank Wil	1548/16	1478*	D15	W15	L3	L3	L13	L13	W21	W21	W19	W19	W14	W14	7.5
6	Mannengi, Siva	1066*	1101*	L1	L1	L20	W20	W15	W15	W16	W16	W14	D14	L9	W9	7.5
7	Meyer, Joseph Ric	1762/10	1690/22	W12	W12	W18	W18	L1	L1	L3	L3	L8	W8	W16	W16	7.0
8	Yadav, Omkar	1223*	1321*	X0	X0	L1	L1	L3	L3	W17	W17	W7	L7	W13	W13	7.0
9	Capron, Mark	1098*	1108*	W16	W16	L4	L4	W17	W17	W14	L14	W12	L12	W6	L6	7.0
10	Rao, Anjaneya	911*	1264*	L3	W3	W13	D13	W11	W11	W4	W4	L2	L2	L1	L1	6.5
11	Lodh, Anjali	1290*	1226*	X0	X0	L2	L2	L10	L10	W20	W20	L4	L4	W19	W19	6.0
12	Vigil, Jacob T	939*	1053*	L7	L7	L16	W16	W21	W21	W13	W13	L9	W9	L4	L4	6.0
13	Mcmillen, Jeff	1411/22	1310*	W17	L17	L10	D10	W5	W5	L12	L12	W15	W15	L8	L8	5.5
14	Reddy, Aman	1057*	1068*	L2	L2	W22	W22	W18	W18	L9	W9	L6	D6	L5	L5	5.5
15	Fiedorowicz, Isab	835*	857*	D5	L5	L17	W17	L6	L6	W22	W22	L13	L13	W20	W20	5.5
16	Bujakowski, Micha	1300/00	959/12	L9	L9	W12	L12	W22	W22	L6	L6	W18	W18	L7	L7	5.0
17	Emmad, Minou	736*	762*	L13	W13	W15	L15	L9	L9	L8	L8	D20	L20	W22	W22	4.5
18	Rao, Srinivas	1129/10	973/22	W22	W22	L7	L7	L14	L14	L19	L19	L16	L16	W21	W21	4.0
19	Nixon, Niko	588*	746*	F0	F0	H0	H0	W20	L20	W18	W18	L5	L5	L11	L11	4.0
20	Bujakowski, Stan	730*	753*	L4	L4	W6	L6	L19	W19	L11	L11	D17	W17	L15	L15	3.5
21	Nixon, Nolon	674*	667*	F0	F0	H0	H0	L12	L12	L5	L5	W22	W22	L18	L18	3.0
22	Barnes, Maryssa	485/05	411/17	L18	L18	L14	L14	L16	L16	L15	L15	L21	L21	L17	L17	0.0

NM Daniel Brashaw had an almost perfect tournament scoring 11 out of 12 possible points. Anish Lodh (3rd place) scored the upset win vs. Daniel. Anish split with Daniel, but lost both games to James Hodina. Jim ended up in second place only giving up games to Dan. The rest of the top five were Joseph Pregon in 4th and Siva Mannengi in 5th. The under prizes were distributed as follows: U1800 Joseph Meyer; U1600 Frank Bowers; U1400 Omkar Yadev; U1200 Mark Capron; U1000 Anjaneya Rao and best upset game Niko Nixon. Eric Vigil was the TD and organizer. The event was a fun one and it was FIDE Blitz rated.

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Eric G. Vigil
President IASCA

Puzzle Time Answer: 1.Kxf5 h2 [1. … a1=Q 2.Bxa1 h2 3.Bf6 h1=Q 4.g4#] **2.Bf6 h1=Q 4.g4#**

Bergamo Chess
By Eric Vigil

My quest for a FIDE rating led me to Bergamo Italy. I had tried to get one playing in the United States but never could win against a player with a FIDE Rating at a tournament. I did beat some 1700 rated players, but they were not FIDE rated or we were not in a FIDE rated event. I was disappointed, but then I realized that in Italy all they play is FIDE rated chess and there was a large pool of lower rated players. My mother wanted to go to Italy for her 75th birthday, and I said I would take her, but we had to go to a chess tournament.

Timing was a little off trying to coordinate with my Mother, Brother, Sister and my wife's schedules. So I booked my flight to arrive at 9:30am the morning of the tournament. I had to miss round 1 and requested a ½ point bye. My mother and I arrived in Milan, I had to rent a car and drive an hour and ½ to Bergamo and settle my mother and I into our Bed and Breakfast. Renting a car and driving in Italy is a little dicey and not something I enjoy, I rented a room walking distance to the Tournament Hall. I arrived at 1pm to the tournament and walked into the Hall. I quickly found out that players are not allowed into the playing hall more than 15 min prior to the round start time. One of the Tournament Directors asked me to leave, but I said, "Take me to your leader, I come bearing gifts." Ok well that is what google translate said. I arrived at the main TD area, and handed out IASCA pint glasses and my business card. I smiled and shook hands. Their demeanor changed into a warm and friendly greeting of a fellow chess professional. I was impressed by the tournament hall. Every board had a clock set on it and each player's names on the board with scoresheets in the middle waiting for you. Once into the playing area you had to use player bathrooms and they randomly scanned players with Garrett Wands for electronics. Cell phones must be turned into a desk prior to the start of every round.

Round 2

Daniel Raileanu Miha (1581) - Eric Golf Vigil (1440) [C65]

OK why am I playing a player rated 1581? Well after asking the pairing chief (god love google translate) I found out they were using accelerated pairings and I was assigned a rating of 1440 because I didn't have a FIDE rating. In accelerated pairing in Italy, they add one point to your score for round 2. So I had 1.5 total, 0.5 bye for round 1 and then 1 point as my 1440 put me in the upper half of the score-group. What about my 1386 USCF rating? They hadn't even looked at it. Everyone without a FIDE rating gets a 1440 for pairing purposes, standard rules in Italy. Ok, when close to Rome, do as the Romans.....

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.0-0 ♗e7 5.♖e1 0-0 6.♗×c6 All standard stuff so far…. I should have taken back with the d-pawn, but I was following the adage, take to the middle. **6. … b×c6 7.♘×e5** It cost me my e-pawn. I was thinking sleep… sleep…. I think at this point I closed my eyes and drooped my head, which appeared to annoy my opponent. I wasn't trying to be disrespectful, I was just dead tired. I couldn't tell him I hadn't slept in 36 hours. He only spoke Romanian, Italian and Russian. **7. … ♗b7 8.d3 ♗d6 9.f4 ♕e7 10.♘f3 ♗b4 11.c3 ♗c5+ 12.d4 ♗b6** All my bishop wrangling, trying to overload a piece simply backfires. Again the need for sleep, my head droops, did I snore? **13.♘bd2 c5 14.♘c4 ♘×e4** Did Daniel just give me back my pawn? Am I dreaming… perhaps he thought the pin on the knight in front of the queen couldn't be broken. He was going after my bishop pair to be sure. But he didn't get away with it. **15.♘g5 d5 16.♘×b6 c×b6** What? Daniel just fixed my pawn structure? Giv-

ing me a good bishop? I am skeptical of his generosity! Time to celebrate with an overpriced bottle of sparkling water. If only I had someone to go get me an espresso from the café. I will say, I am awake now, adrenaline kicking in, thinking I have a chance at winning. **17.♘×e4 d×e4 18.♗e3 ♖ad8** Two can play at the pin the piece guarding the queen game. **19.♕c2 f5** I reinforced the lead pawn. **20.d×c5 b×c5 21.♖ad1 ♗a6 22.♕a4 ♗d3** I love it my bishop is strong! He is a strong bishop. Standing deep into enemy territory. I am worried that my king is slightly exposed on the white diagonal, but he doesn't have a light squared bishop… **23.♕a5 ♖c8** Looks like he is trying to pick a pawn. I simply defend. Computer gives this position 0.00 I felt it too. I was tempted to ask for a draw to go to sleep. How do I ask him? **24.a3 ♖f6 25.♗f2** He thinks that his next move is (26. ♗h4! Skewering the queen and the rook) what he doesn't see is. **25. …♖a6!** I trapped his queen! **26.♕×c5 ♖×c5 27.♖×d3** A desperate move for desperate times. Hope chess at its best that I take the rook and he takes my queen, a simple move out of the way and the game is now overwhelming in my favor. **27. … ♖cc6 28.♗d4 h6 29.♖g3 ♖g6 30.♖ee3 ♖×g3 31.♖×g3 g6 32.c4 ♕d6 33.♗c3 ♕×f4 34.c5 ♖e6 35.♗e1 e3 36.b4 ♕c4 37.a4 ♕d4 38.♔h1 ♕d1** A rook trade and there is no more resistance. **0-1** FIDE rated first win! Even though we couldn't speak each others language we became friends during the tournament sharing a meal and I met his 10 year old daughter who was also playing in the tournament. A little google translate and all is good. We had good laughs and enjoyed going over the games together.

Round 3
Eric G Vigil (1440) - Roberto Biffi (1591) [A45]

I got a good night's sleep, excited and ready for action. Time to pull out the London system. **1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f4 d6 3.♘c3 g6 4.h3 ♗g7 5.e3 0-0 6.♗d3 c5 7.♘f3 ♕b6 8.♖b1 c×d4 9.e×d4 ♘c6 10.♗e3 ♘b4 11.♗c4 ♕a5 12.0-0 ♗f5 13.♗d3 ♗×d3** All pretty standard so far until ♗d3. Man… ♗b3…. Arrgh… I was going toe for toe up until that point. Roberto was a technician, slowly grinding me down always looking for a better position. Not a hope chess guy at all. **14.c×d3 ♕a6 15.♘e1** Arrgh again the move was ♕b3 not ♘e1, I didn't want to lose my pawn… but it puts my knight out of the action and my back clogged. A more active counterplay was needed. **15. … ♘bd5 16.♘×d5 ♘×d5 17.♕b3** Now the queen comes to b3, but too late for the advantage that could have been had on move 15. Day late and a dollar short. **17. … e6 18.a3 ♖ac8 19.♘c2 ♕b6 20.♕×b6 ♘×b6 21.♘b4 a5 22.♘a2 ♘a4 23.♗g5?** What was I thinking? Hand a pawn over with biscuits and Jam. He doesn't take the pawn on d4. But he figures it out the next move. The rest of the game is a slow descent into hell. Pawn after pawn slowly falling until ultimately minor pieces start falling. My mojo of the day before had been shattered. Roberto was a no nonsense sort of guy. I resigned instead of grinding it out to go have lunch with my mother and sister. **23. … d5 24.♗d2 ♗×d4 25.♗×a5 ♘×b2 26.♘c1 ♖c2 27.♘b3 ♗a7 28.♘a1 ♖e2 29.♗c3 ♘×d3 30.♖×b7 ♗×f2+ 31.♔h1 ♘c5 32.♖b2 ♘e4 33.♖×f2 ♖×f2 34.♖×f2 ♘×f2+ 35.♔g1 ♘e4 36.♗d4 0-1**

Round 4
Eric Golf Vigil (1440) - Noe Pertuy (1474) [D08]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 I hate this center stuff…. Too many options and it makes my brain hurt. **3.d×e5 d4 4.e3 ♗b4+ 5.♘d2 d×e3 6.f×e3 ♘c6 7.a3 ♗×d2+ 8.♗×d2 ♘×e5 9.♗c3 ♕h4+** Man this kid is aggressive! But, is he too aggressive? **10.g3 ♕e4 11.♗×e5 ♕×h1** Computer says take on g7 and it will give me a 1.25 point lead? I don't see it. Not that the computer is with me at the table in Bergamo as they have Garrett wands and separate player bathrooms with random wand checks. You had to check your cell phone in at the desk, and if you didn't and got caught…. I

don't even want to know. These guys were not fooling around. **12.♘f3 ♗g4** Still the computer says ♗×g7… but I have weak knees and try to protect my knight. **13.♔f2 ♗×f3 14.♕×f3 ♕×f3+ 15.♔×f3** Down an exchange and an uncastled king. I fear the worst. Again the computer gives me an even shake. My opponent however, (and me too) am feeling like I am about to get taken apart. However, as Dan iel Brashaw and his bishop pair like to say… come to think of it, what does he say about having the bishop pair? He likes to tell me my pieces are sad. **15. …f6 16.♗×c7 ♘e7 17.♗d6 ♘f5 18.c5 ♖d8 19.♗b5+ ♔f7 20.♗c4+** I offer a draw to which I get **20. … ♔g6?** (♔e8 goes back and forth to a stalemate) Mr. Purty thought he could continue the aggressive streak and march his king down my throat. His fast paced attacking had worked so far. But in this case his blitzkrieg was about to run out of gas… He didn't want the draw, especially because I was rated lower than he. **21.♗d3 ♔g5 22.h4+** Can't take the pawn because (22. … ♔×h4. 23.♖h1+ ♔g5 24.♗f4#) **22. … ♘×h4+ 23.g×h4+ ♔h5 24.♖g1 ♔h6 25.♔g4 g6 26.♔f4 b6 27.b4 ♖d7 28.♗b5 ♖b7 29.c6 ♖g7 30.♔e4 a5 31.♗a6 ♖a7 32.♗b5 ♖e8+ 33.♔d4 ♖e6 34.♗f4+ ♔g7 35.c7 ♖a8 36.♗d7 ♖ee8 37.♗×e8 ♖×e8 38.♖c1 ♖c8 39.♔d5 ♔f7 40.♔d6 ♔e8 41.♖c6 a×b4 42.a×b4 b5 43.♖b6 ♖a8 44.♖b8+ ♖×b8 45.c×b8♕+ ♔f7 46.♕f8+??** Man being in a foreign country does mess with you. Although, I probably could have done that move in Iowa too. Luckily I had a spare passed pawn in my back pocket. I wanted this game to be done to go back and catch up on sleep. I still felt wonky. **46. … ♔×f8 47.♔c5 ♔e7 48.♔×b5 ♔e6 49.♔a6 ♔f5 50.b5 g5 51.♗c7 h6 52.h×g5 f×g5 53.b6 ♔e4 54.b7 ♔×e3 55.b8♕ ♔f3 56.♕b7+ ♔g4 57.♕h1 h5 58.♕g2+ ♔f5 59.♕f3+ ♔g6 60.♕e4+ ♔f6 61.♗d8+ ♔g7 62.♗×g5 h4 63.♗×h4 ♔h6 64.♕g4 ♔h7 65.♔b7 ♔h8 66.♔c7 ♔h7 67.♔d7 ♔h8 68.♔e7 ♔h7 69.♔f7 ♔h8 70.♕g7# 1-0** Ah finally. The kid didn't give up. I mean after my last queen move I wouldn't have given up either as I showed him my propensity for mucking up my own position.

Noe's dad came up after the game and chatted. He spoke English and we laughed and smiled about my silly queen move. He thought his son was winning during the first part of the game (I did too.) The next day we cheered each other on in the tournament.

The next day rounds 5 and 6 I didn't play well. Round 6 especially, I wanted to get moving as I had a long car drive in the Italian Alps to Lake Como where my brother had rented a house. My last game I played fast and hard, win or lose. I lost.

Round 5
Emir Pakis (1274) - Eric Vigil (1440) [B00]

All I can say about Emir, he saw my mistakes and pounced on them like a tiger. He ended tying for second. He was a Turkish lad who had been practicing his chess and not playing in tournaments.

1.e4 b6 2.d4 ♗b7 3.♘c3 e6 4.♘f3 c5 5.♗f4 c×d4 6.♘×d4 ♗c5 7.♗c4 ♕e7 8.♗g3 ♘f6 9.♕d3 0-0 10.a3 d5 11.♗b3 d×e4 12.♕c4 ♖d8 13.♘de2 e3 14.0-0

♗a6 15.♕f4 ♘c6 16.f×e3 ♘d5 17.♗×d5 e×d5 18.♖f3 f6 19.b4 ♗d6 20.♕h4 ♗c4 21.♗×d6 ♖×d6 22.♖h3 h6 23.♖g3 ♔h7 24.♕h5 ♖e6 25.♕f5+ ♔h8 26.♘f4 ♕d7 27.♕×e6 ♕×e6 28.♘×e6 g5 29.♘d4 ♘e7 30.♖f3 ♖f8 31.♘f5 ♘g6 32.♖h3 ♖f7 33.♖×h6+ ♖h7 1-0

Round 6
Eric Vigil (1440) - Alessandro Bartalotti (1434) [D10]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗f4 ♗f5 5.e3 e6 6.♗e2 ♗b4 7.♕b3 ♕a5 8.♘f3 ♘e4 9.0-0 b6 10.♘×e4 ♗×e4 11.a3 ♗e7 12.c5 ♘d7 13.♘e5 ♘×e5 14.♗×e5 0-0 15.f3 ♗g6 16.e4 d×e4 17.♗c7 ♕d2 18.♖ae1 ♕×d4+ 19.♔h1 ♕×c5 20.♖c1 ♕d5 21.♗c4 ♕d7 22.♗f4 b5 23.♗e2 ♕d5 24.♕e3 e5 25.♗g3 e×f3 26.♗×f3 e4 27.♖fd1 ♕e6 28.♗e2 ♖fc8 29.♖f1 h6 30.h3 ♗g5 31.♗f4 ♗×f4 32.♕×f4 ♕f6 33.♕e3 ♕×b2 34.h4 ♕e5 35.g4 a6 36.h5 ♗h7 37.♖c5 ♕e7 38.♔g2 f6 39.♗d1 ♕d7 40.♗b3+ ♔h8 41.♔h3 ♕d3 42.♕×d3 e×d3 43.a4 ♖c7 44.a×b5 a×b5 45.♗d5 ♖ac8 46.♗e6 ♖d8 47.♗f5 d2 48.♖d1 ♗×f5 49.g×f5 ♖e7 50.♖f1 b4 51.♔g2 ♖e1 0-1

When browsing at the player list I noticed three players from South Africa; GM Kenneth Solomon, Vusimuzi Mlahleki, and Khanya Mazibuko. So I went over to chat with them. “Hey how come you are in Italy playing chess?”

They told me their story. They played GM Hikaru Nakamura in a simul in S. Africa a few months ago and Vusimuzi and Khanya defeated GM Nakamura in the simul. The Nakamura Chess Foundation paid for these two players to come to Italy and stay with GM Kenneth Solomon (who lives in Italy) and play in some tournaments. I am friends with Sunil Weeramantry Hikaru’s father and texted him the picture and asked if he knew these fine chess players. He didn’t at first, but then I told him these were the players his foundation had paid to come to Italy and play, and then his eyes lit up with excitement and recognition and we saluted the small world theory.

I loved playing in Europe, in 5 rounds I played people from 4 different countries. I need to brush up on languages but google translate is good in a pinch. Oh and don’t play the Sicilian in Sicily, I learned that two years ago at the Palermo chess club!

64th Iowa Open, GM Gareyev Repeats! Reserve John Trunnell and RBO Ana Denison
By Mark Capron

Players from 9 states, as far away as Florida and Nevada, showed up to take part in the 64th Iowa Open. In the end it was GM Timur Gareyev taking home first place. Timur was on a roll as he had just won the US Open a few weeks previously. In the Reserve it was John Trunnell going undefeated. The RBO was won by Ana Denison for the second year in a row (she was part of a three way tie last year).

In the Open section more than 60% of the participants came from out of state! NM Arshaq Saleem and NM Joseph Wan tied for second (along with NM Gibbins from MN and Joziah Rudolph from WI) as the top Iowans. The first round was a round of upsets and IM Michael Brooks, NM Alex Richter, NM Okechukwu Iwu, NM Joseph Wan all gave up draws. Jacob Vigil took the cake that round with a 447 point upset win though! He selected the "Thinking Inside the Box" book as a prize. When round 2 began eyes were glued to board 1 where GM Gareyev was taking on NM Valeriy Kosokin. Kosokin gave the GM a

battle, but in the end had to succumb. NM Saleem played a very interesting game vs. NM McEntee that is annotated in the games section. The upsets continued in this round. Expert Joziah Rudolph scalped NM James Neal. Expert Jeremy Madison drew NM Dane Mattson. IM Brooks gave up another draw, this time to expert Benjamin Shoykhet. Expert Ben Graskey beat NM Iwu. The winner of the round's upset prize was Adarsh Girish who chose the book "Chess is my Life" by Victor Korchnoi. Girish's upset was a rating difference of 533 points, most of the tournament. Round 3 still had a bunch of upsets such as Owen Fiedorowicz's draw vs. NM Mike Zaloznyy from Nevada and Cub Noble's win vs. NM Dane Mattson. IM Brooks finally got into the win column this round. Cub won the upset prize for this round and chose "Karpov Move by Move" as his prize. By round 4 things started to stabilize. The feature game was GM Gareyev vs. NM Alex Richter. Timur annotates this game in the games section. IM Brooks continued his winning. The upset of the round went to David Saylor (233 points) and he chose "Five Crowns: Karpov—Kasparov" book. Round 5 had NM Zaloznyy (3.5) playing GM Gareyev (4.0). Gareyev only needed a draw to win the event (possible tie) but Zaloznyy could win the event with a win over Gareyev (again possible tie). Joziah Rudolph had 3.5 going into the last round so a win in his game vs. IM Brooks was also pivotal. We expected some thunder and lightning. Gareyev completed his perfect score by beating Zaloznyy and thus the tournament. Rudolf could only get a draw off of Brooks securing a tie for second. The upset of the round was Advaith Kodipparambil (448 points).

Final standings:
1st Timur Gareyev; 2nd-3rd Joziah Rudolph (U2200 1st), Arshaq Saleem, Joseph Wan, and Wilson Gibbins; U2200 2nd Jeremy Madison; U2000 1st Cub Noble; U2000 2nd Gregory Peterson, Cael Province, and Paul Fricano; U1800 1st Owen Fiedorowicz; U1800 2nd David Saylor, Jayadeep Boya, and Sameeth Sheshappa.

The reserve section was quite a close tournament.

#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	GAREYEV, TIMUR	KS	2679*	2684*	W25	W14	W4	W7	W10	5.0
2	WAN, JOSEPH CHENG	IA	2275*	2276*	D34	W26	W50	D11	W13	4.0
3	SALEEM, ARSHAQ	IA	2252*	2258*	W35	W13	D5	D15	W16	4.0
4	GIBBINS, WILSON K	MN	2220*	2232*	W38	W28	L1	W37	W15	4.0
5	RUDOLPH, JOZIAH S	WI	2091*	2130*	W41	W9	D3	W20	D6	4.0
6	BROOKS, MICHAEL A	MO	2378*	2364*	D15	D16	W33	W35	D5	3.5
7	RICHTER, ALEX	IA	2341*	2338*	D26	W34	W43	L1	W25	3.5
8	IWU, OKECHUKWU AN	MN	2289*	2276*	D16	L15	W63	W39	W26	3.5
9	NEAL, JAMES ALEX,	IA	2238*	2228*	W36	L5	W18	W17	D11	3.5
10	ZALOZNYY, MIKE	NV	2241*	2242*	W37	W24	D20	W12	L1	3.5
11	MADISON, JEREMY M	WI	2045*	2071*	W17	D49	W21	D2	D9	3.5
12	NOBLE, CUB ROLLIN	IA	1781*	1858*	W59	D60	W49	L10	W34	3.5
13	MC ENTEE, TIM R	IA	2201*	2200*	W60	L3	W28	W36	L2	3.0
14	KOSOKIN, VALERIY	IA	2173*	2165*	W39	L1	D42	W44	D20	3.0
15	GRADSKY, BENJAMIN	KS	2037*	2066*	D6	W8	W48	D3	L4	3.0
16	SHOYKHET, BENJAMI	MO	1982*	2010*	D8	D6	W29	W19	L3	3.0
17	PROVINCE, CAEL DO	KS	1870*	1877*	L11	W58	W22	L9	W48	3.0
18	FRICANO, PAUL ROY	WI	1898*	1906*	W47	L35	L9	W62	W36	3.0
19	PETERSON, GREGORY	IA	1836*	1846*	D48	W32	H0	L16	W35	3.0
20	FIEDOROWICZ, OWEN	IA	1776*	1833*	W65	W38	D10	L5	D14	3.0
21	BOYA, JAYADEEP	WI	1783*	1811*	W63	D27	L11	D40	W37	3.0
22	SHESHAPPA, SAMEET	KS	1750*	1767*	L28	W65	L17	W55	W43	3.0
23	SAYLER, DAVID	MO	1713*	1766*	D50	L53	H0	W38	W39	3.0
24	WILSON, MATTHEW S	MO	2095*	2099*	W40	L10	H0	W42	U0	2.5
25	TAKAHASHI, MICHAE	IA	2047*	2048*	L1	W42	D51	W50	L7	2.5
26	TAN, YING	NE	2030*	2038*	D7	L2	W52	W51	L8	2.5
27	CAVANAH, TROY	MN	1926*	1905*	L49	D21	W32	D48	D30	2.5
28	LODH, ANISH	IA	1958*	1955*	W22	L4	L13	D45	W54	2.5
29	LINSCOTT, JOHN	NE	1827*	1812*	W31	L37	L16	D47	W56	2.5
30	KONEZNY, STUART	MN	1762*	1758*	L42	W31	L39	W58	D27	2.5
31	PATTRICK, EARNEY	MO	1500*	1550*	L29	L30	W65	D53	W52	2.5
32	KODIPPARAMBIL, AD	IL	1444*	1512*	D52	L19	L27	W64	W51	2.5
33	LODH, ANJALI	IA	1507*	1566*	X0	D40	L6	L34	W53	2.5
34	DESHPANDE, NEIL	MO	1995*	1978*	D2	L7	D54	W33	L12	2.0
35	REYNOLDS, ROBERT	IA	1991*	1981*	L3	W18	W53	L6	L19	2.0
36	SHESHAPPA, ANKITH	KS	1876*	1871*	L9	W44	W58	L13	L18	2.0
37	ZULIC, JASMIN	IA	1962*	1947*	L10	W29	W55	L4	L21	2.0
38	TIMM, JORDAN EVER	MN	1922*	1888*	L4	L20	W59	L23	W62	2.0
39	CUSUMANO, STEVEN	NE	1933*	1918*	L14	W55	W30	L8	L23	2.0
40	EICHHORN, GEORGE	IA	1908*	1900*	L24	D33	W57	D21	U0	2.0
41	JILES, DAVID	IA	1906*	1900*	L5	H0	D47	D54	D45	2.0
42	RAO, PATRICK	IL	1896*	1893*	W30	L25	D14	L24	D46	2.0
43	SWARTZ, KEVIN	NE	1882*	1867*	D54	W45	L7	H0	L22	2.0
44	FEE, KENNETH E, J	MO	1879*	1859*	W61	L36	H0	L14	D47	2.0

45	MEHTA, MOULIK A	WI	1780*	1785*	H0	L43	D60	D28	D41	2.0
46	CURFMAN, TROY	FL	1721*	1732*	H0	U0	U0	W63	D42	2.0
47	GRUBE, ANDY	WI	1668*	1672*	L18	D59	D41	D29	D44	2.0
48	YADAV, OMKAR	IA	1601*	1646*	D19	W52	L15	D27	L17	2.0
49	MATTSON, DANE	WI	2186*	2169*	W27	D11	L12	U0	U0	1.5
50	GAUL, THOMAS	IA	1851*	1849*	D23	W54	L2	L25	U0	1.5
51	GAUSTAD, KEVIN A	MN	1872*	1827*	L55	W57	D25	L26	L32	1.5
52	ALEXANDER, ROGER	IA	1805*	1800*	D32	L48	L26	W57	L31	1.5
53	MILLS, MICHAEL	NE	1805*	1751*	L58	W23	L35	D31	L33	1.5
54	WALKER, BRENT P	IA	1741*	1743*	D43	L50	D34	D41	L28	1.5
55	MOERLIEN, PUWIT S	KS	1657*	1646*	W51	L39	L37	L22	D58	1.5
56	RAO, ANJANEYA	IA	1391*	1402*	H0	U0	U0	W59	L29	1.5
57	RAMANUJA, MAYA	MN	1395*	1402*	H0	L51	L40	L52	W63	1.5
58	VIGIL, JACOB T	IA	1234*	1312*	W53	L17	L36	L30	D55	1.5
59	PLOTNICK, JACOB	IL	1250*	1272*	L12	D47	L38	L56	W64	1.5
60	BUCKLEY, MATT	NE	1921*	1909*	L13	D12	D45	U0	U0	1.0
61	SALAZAR, CONRADO	KS	1719*	1682*	L44	L63	U0	W65	U0	1.0
62	PREGON, JOSEPH JE	IA	1573*	1562*	H0	H0	U0	L18	L38	1.0
63	GIRISH, ADARSH	IL	1323*	1338*	L21	W61	L8	L46	L57	1.0
64	KOLLI, SAI	NE	1244*	1212*	H0	U0	U0	L32	L59	0.5
65	KROMPHARDT, ROGER	IA	1400*	1400*	L20	L22	L31	L61	U0	0.0
66	VIGIL, BARRY	IA	1458*	1458*	F0	U0	U0	U0	U0	0.0

Final standings: 1st John Trunnell; 2nd Andrew Kozich; 3rd Troy Curfman, Timothy Leacock, Swapnil Desai, and Golden Peng; U1450 Henri Van Zandweghe and Kunal Chugh; U1250 Kyros Wu; U950 Stan Bujakowski.

In the **Rated Beginner's Open** section Ana Denison went 5-0 to take first place. On tie-breaks Jenny Zhang edged out Aidan Krueger for 2nd. Both scored 4.5 out of 5. With 4 points Owen Nielsen got 4th and Benjamin Kleiman got 5th. Nolan Nixon was 1st U1000 scoring 4 points. Gabriel Formas was 2nd U1000 also scoring 4 points. Niko Nixon took home 1st U800 scoring 4 points. Kobi Nott scored 3.5 points and received the 2nd U800. The 1st Under 600 went to Gary Chen. The 2nd Under 600 went to Daniel Ji. The top U400 trophy went to Vaugn Hotsenpiller. The 2nd U400 went to Heidi Pierce. Top Unrated was won by A Chandrashekaran, 2nd Unrated was won by Susan Cook. The Mother Child pairs top scorers were: 1st Elizabeth and Aiden Krueger; 2nd Susan and Otto Cook; 3rd Heidi and Ben Pierce; 4th-5th (tie) Melinda and (Noah and Wyatt) Hammes; Susan and Felix Cook.

John Trunnel (left) receiving his Prize.

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#	Player	St	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Trunnell, John M	IA	1729/18	1765/22	W27	W16	W23	W3	4.0
2	Kozich, Andrew Jo	IA	1656*	1697*	W39	W8	W10	D4	3.5
3	Curfman, Troy	FL	1732*	1729*	W38	W33	W13	L1	3.0
4	Desai, Swapnil	IA	1656/09	1660/13	W28	W26	D6	D2	3.0
5	Leacock, Timothy	NE	1624*	1620*	D18	W22	W9	D6	3.0
6	Peng, Golden Chuy	MN	1460*	1487*	W29	W43	D4	D5	3.0
7	Chugh, Kunal	IA	1426*	1511*	D22	W18	W32	D10	3.0
8	Van Zandweghe, He	KS	1503*	1522*	W45	L2	W41	W23	3.0
9	Wu, Kyros Yuefan	IA	1071*	1302*	W24	W12	L5	W25	3.0
10	Meyer, Joseph Ric	IA	1762*	1739*	W35	W14	L2	D7	2.5
11	Lucas, Dennis E	IA	1745*	1753*	W17	W15	H0	U0	2.5
12	Pregon, Joseph Je	IA	1562*	1536*	W19	L9	W34	D15	2.5
13	Johnson, Daniel	IA	1462*	1496*	W21	W36	L3	D17	2.5
14	Reedy, Edward	IL	1440*	1441*	W30	L10	W27	D19	2.5
15	Rao, Anjaneya	IA	1402*	1419*	W44	L11	W28	D12	2.5
16	Prasad, Mrithuul	IA	1377*	1387*	W48	L1	W39	H0	2.5
17	Bowers, Frank Wil	IA	1283/23	1354*	L11	W30	W24	D13	2.5
18	Bergal, Timothy M	IA	1244*	1327*	D5	L7	W43	W32	2.5
19	Reddy, Aman	IA	1240*	1299*	L12	W45	W26	D14	2.5
20	Formanek, Joshua	IA	1217/12	1251/16	L32	W50	D33	W35	2.5
21	Kolli, Sai	NE	1212*	1275*	L13	W37	D35	W34	2.5
22	Shams, Rezaush	IA	1300/00	1488/04	D7	L5	W46	W33	2.5
23	Jacobs, Steve	IA	1498*	1484*	W42	W41	L1	L8	2.0
24	Mackey, Douglas A	IA	1459*	1414*	L9	W46	L17	W39	2.0
25	Xu, Eddy	IA	1399*	1351*	L43	W42	W38	L9	2.0
26	Mannengi, Siva	IA	1352*	1338*	W49	L4	L19	W41	2.0
27	Matthews, Elias	IA	1272*	1268*	L1	W48	L14	W45	2.0
28	Kriegel, Matthew	IA	1253*	1247*	L4	W49	L15	W43	2.0
29	Felgar, Stan	IA	1116*	1133*	L6	L35	W49	W38	2.0
30	Wu, Athena Ximeng	IA	1038*	1073*	L14	L17	W50	W37	2.0
31	Bujakowski, Stan	IA	798*	878*	L33	L39	W42	W46	2.0
32	House, Steve	IA	1566*	1507*	W20	D34	L7	L18	1.5
33	Gatton, Albert A	IA	1376*	1352*	W31	L3	D20	L22	1.5
34	Denison, Christin	IA	1253*	1240*	W50	D32	L12	L21	1.5
35	Fiedorowicz, Jess	IA	1288*	1274*	L10	W29	D21	L20	1.5
36	Freerksen, Jim S	IA	1772*	1745*	W37	L13	U0	U0	1.0
37	Lebow, Aarron	IA	1297*	1239*	L36	L21	W48	L30	1.0
38	Gray, Rex H	IA	1262*	1209*	L3	X0	L25	L29	1.0
39	Zahari, Blake	IA	1251*	1225*	L2	W31	L16	L24	1.0
40	Denison, Ana L	IA	1141*	1147*	U0	U0	U0	W49	1.0
41	Kabirpanthi, Uday	KS	1305*	1261*	X0	L23	L8	L26	1.0
42	Rao, Srinivas	IA	1129*	1077*	L23	L25	L31	W50	1.0

43	Alarape, Joseph O	IA	954*	989*	W25	L6	L18	L28	1.0
44	Alvis, Jewels D	IA	945*	938*	L15	F0	L45	W48	1.0
45	Reed, Jeffrey Lor	IA	994/00	1037/04	L8	L19	W44	L27	1.0
46	Li, Awen G	IA	623*	610*	H0	L24	L22	L31	0.5
47	Newell, Melanie	IA	1507*	1507*	F0	U0	U0	U0	0.0
48	Fiedorowicz, Isab	IA	853*	819*	L16	L27	L37	L44	0.0
49	Shaw, Terry	IA	790*	771*	L26	L28	L29	L40	0.0
50	Reed, Alex Jordan	IA	816/00	678/04	L34	L20	L30	L42	0.0

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#	Player	ST	PreR	PostR	PreQ	PostQ	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Denison, Ana L	IA	1147*	1153*	1201*	1198*	W39	W15	W32	W5	D3	4.5
2	Krueger, Aidan	IA	769/13	916/18	875/23	954*	W44	D25	W21	W11	W9	4.5
3	Zhang, Jenny	IA	633*	924*	646*	924*	W47	W28	W27	W4	D1	4.5
4	Nielsen, Owen Wil	KS	995*	1012*	601/20	842/25	W20	W8	W7	L3	W14	4.0
5	Kleiman, Benjamin	IA	929*	954*	865*	906*	W34	W17	W19	L1	W21	4.0
6	Nixon, Nolon	IA	870*	880*	811*	839*	L21	W26	W35	W19	W18	4.0
7	Nixon, Niko	IA	777*	842*	847*	869*	W49	W37	L4	W16	W22	4.0
8	Formas, Gabriel C	IA	719/01	913/06	712*	792*	W22	L4	W23	W37	W12	4.0
9	Bharadwaj, Krishn	IA	861*	875*	842*	874*	W40	W18	D11	W25	L2	3.5
10	Nott, Kobi	IA	654*	694*	663*	722*	D26	W23	L25	W39	W27	3.5
11	Chandrashekaran,	MN	779/09	857/14	776/09	863/14	W14	W31	D9	L2	W25	3.5
12	Soni, Anirudh Ana	IA	852*	806*	870/20	819/25	L37	W49	W36	W15	L8	3.0
13	Zachar, Anthony	IA	685/05	650/10	664/05	631/10	L25	W43	L22	W46	W37	3.0
14	ShabazzJones, Na	IA	672*	701*	659*	687*	L11	W45	W38	W27	L4	3.0
15	Ji, Austin Yongqi	IA	645*	684*	713*	734*	W24	L1	W46	L12	W36	3.0
16	Harwani, Aryan	IA	644*	705*	887*	867*	X0	L27	W24	L7	W28	3.0
17	Shadrak, Sujan Vi	IA	632*	652*	648*	652*	W38	L5	L29	W45	W30	3.0
18	Hammes, Wyatt Wil	IA	622*	705*	707*	737*	W42	L9	W28	W31	L6	3.0
19	Pothitakis, Jacob	IA	608/05	698/10	596/05	668/10	W50	W29	L5	L6	W32	3.0
20	Pierce, Benjamin	IA	501*	568*	593*	591*	L4	L22	W41	W47	W31	3.0
21	Chen, Gary	IA	434/12	694/17	364/21	638*	W6	W30	L2	W29	L5	3.0
22	Ji, Daniel Yongli	IA	130/00	805/05	130/05	448/10	L8	W20	W13	W32	L7	3.0
23	Hotsenpiller, Vau	IA	108/09	313/13	108/09	316/13	B0	L10	L8	W34	W40	3.0
24	Cook, Susan Wagne	IA	1300/00	719/05	1300/00	728/05	L15	W33	L16	W35	W29	3.0
25	Bujakowski, Micha	IA	1300/00	793/05	1300/00	804/05	W13	D2	W10	L9	L11	2.5
26	Cook, Otto Wagner	IA	256/00	565/05	256/00	574/05	D10	L6	L40	W42	W39	2.5
27	Emmad, Minou	IA	940*	853*	996*	903*	W33	W16	L3	L14	L10	2.0
28	Havens, Robert Za	IA	891*	808*	897*	824*	W35	L3	L18	W40	L16	2.0
29	Harwani, Ishan S	IA	861*	772*	776*	703*	W36	L19	W17	L21	L24	2.0
30	Shaw, Riley Willi	IA	800*	691*	722*	637*	W43	L21	L37	W44	L17	2.0
31	Shonrock, Michael	IA	760*	677*	768*	691*	W45	L11	W44	L18	L20	2.0
32	Acherkan, Lisa	IA	755*	705*	731*	665*	W41	W46	L1	L22	L19	2.0
33	Xie, Leon	IA	487/25	443*	460*	432*	L27	L24	L47	W41	W44	2.0

34	Barnes, Maryssa	IA	485/05	408/10	497/05	419/10	L5	L38	W49	L23	W47	2.0
35	Moerlien, Charles	KS	536*	531*	451*	470*	L28	W47	L6	L24	W46	2.0
36	Levin, Sandro	IA	371*	387*	332*	355*	L29	X0	L12	W38	L15	2.0
37	Pierce, Heidi Mar	IA	338/16	495/21	690*	677*	W12	L7	W30	L8	L13	2.0
38	Krueger, Elizabet	IA	1300/00	399/05	1300/00	400/05	L17	W34	L14	L36	W43	2.0
39	Hammes, Noah Conn	IA	538*	489*	552*	506*	L1	D41	W42	L10	L26	1.5
40	Ganshert, Brogan	IA	427/06	417/11	439/06	435/11	L9	D42	W26	L28	L23	1.5
41	Gowda, Siddanth Y	IA	142/16	192/21	160*	203*	L32	D39	L20	L33	W45	1.5
42	Lazarre, Lara, Dr	IA	1300/00	325/05	728/02	369/07	L18	D40	L39	L26	W49	1.5
43	Kandel, Nirvan	IA	328/00	131/05	328/04	244/09	L30	L13	L45	W49	L38	1.0
44	Peng, Arden	MN	243*	215*	364*	315*	L2	B0	L31	L30	L33	1.0
45	Bujakowska, Kryst	IA	150*	150*	150*	157*	L31	L14	W43	L17	L41	1.0
46	Cook, Felix Wagne	IA	397/00	384/05	397/00	383/05	W48	L32	L15	L13	L35	1.0
47	Hammes, Melinda S	IA	1300/00	298/05	1300/00	279/05	L3	L35	W33	L20	L34	1.0
48	Li, Awen G	IA	610*	551*	682*	620*	L46	U0	U0	U0	U0	0.0
49	Addis, Hazen Lloy	IA	325/13	225/18	324/13	233/18	L7	L12	L34	L43	L42	0.0
50	Yelli, Sarah Eliz	IA	1231/00	346/01	1231/00	316/01	L19	F0	U0	U0	U0	0.0
51	Duszynski, Daniel	IA	443/06	443/06	UNR	UNR	F0	U0	U0	U0	U0	0.0

On the Friday night we had 37 players compete in the Iowa Quick Chess Championship. GM Timur Gareyev won the event scoring a perfect 6 out of 6. Iowa's NM Daniel Brashaw took 2nd scoring 5 out of 6 only losing to GM Gareyev. Iowa's NM Arshaq Saleem and Nebraska's Kevin Swartz were right on Daniel's heels each scoring 4.5 and drawing vs. each other and tying for the U2000 prize. With a score of 3.5 Omkar Yadav, Anjaneya Rao, and Jacob Plotnick all tied. The U1700, U1500 and U1300 prizes went to these three.

We had a Mixed Doubles section again this year and the winners for the second year in a row was the team of Ana Denison and Timur Gareyev. Second place went to the pair of Athena and Kyrox Wu. Third went to Christine Denison and Gabriel Formas. Congrats to each of the seven teams.

This was a strange year in that with the prizes substantially increased the attendance was lower than the previous year. The main change to the format we made was to increase the Reserves section to U1800 from U1600. This resulted in an increase in 10 players in the Reserve. We lost 20-25 players in the Open so overall still a decrease. With the online registration I tend to believe that many players check out the registration and once it gets to a certain number of players or strength they then sign up. This, however, leads to a catch 22. If the players are waiting for others to sign up a bunch will never sign up. In addition to this many players always wait till the last minute then it affects those players waiting for the trigger point. I don't have a good way to solve this problem but it can be a dilemma.

The TD group this year was Jim Hodina, Bill Broich, Eric Vigil, Stephen Plotnick, Asiya James, and Mark Capron. Mark Capron and Eric Vigil were the organizers. This was my last time organizing this event as I will very likely be moving out of state due to my job. It has been a wonderful time organizing, directing and building this tournament into what it became. Several years ago former IASCA president Steve Young had a vision of making this event into a priemer event in the Midwest. He enlisted my help

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#	Player	St	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
1	Gareyev, Timur	KS	2575*	2578*	W20	W12	W7	W3	W2	W5	6.0
2	Brashaw, Daniel	IA	2128*	2142*	W21	W4	W8	W5	L1	W9	5.0
3	Saleem, Arshaq	IA	1960*	1975*	W22	W9	W14	L1	D4	W10	4.5
4	Swartz, Kevin	NE	1817*	1837*	W35	L2	W16	W19	D3	W11	4.5
5	Wan, Joseph Cheng	IA	1974*	1983*	W27	W13	W18	L2	W8	L1	4.0
6	Gradsky, Benjamin	KS	1957*	1935*	W16	L18	W21	W10	L9	W17	4.0
7	Fricano, Paul Roy	WI	1888*	1882*	W23	W17	L1	L9	W14	W21	4.0
8	Timm, Jordan Ever	MN	1897*	1890*	W28	W19	L2	W18	L5	W22	4.0
9	Buckley, Matt	NE	1755*	1788*	W30	L3	W28	W7	W6	L2	4.0
10	Rudolph, Joziah S	WI	1926*	1907*	H0	W34	W15	L6	W13	L3	3.5
11	Cavanah, Troy	MN	1856*	1818*	W29	L14	W22	D17	W24	L4	3.5
12	Eichhorn, George	IA	1817*	1800*	W25	L1	W23	D14	D17	D16	3.5
13	Gaul, Thomas	IA	1696*	1675*	W31	L5	D25	W15	L10	W23	3.5
14	Yadav, Omkar	IA	1483*	1541*	W32	W11	L3	D12	L7	W25	3.5
15	Plotnick, Jacob	IL	1227*	1306*	H0	X0	L10	L13	W28	W24	3.5
16	Rao, Anjaneya	IA	1195*	1284*	L6	W31	L4	W26	W19	D12	3.5
17	Medrano, Daniel	IA	1673*	1672*	W36	L7	W35	D11	D12	L6	3.0
18	Lodh, Anish	IA	1684*	1670*	W37	W6	L5	L8	L22	W28	3.0
19	Newell, Melanie	IA	1446*	1423*	W33	L8	W26	L4	L16	W29	3.0
20	Bowers, Frank Wil	IA	1425*	1396*	L1	W29	W34	L24	L23	W33	3.0
21	Moerlien, Puwit S	KS	1386*	1401*	L2	W30	L6	W25	W29	L7	3.0
22	Xu, Eddy	IA	1208*	1273*	L3	W36	L11	W35	W18	L8	3.0
23	Reddy, Aman	IA	1157*	1209*	L7	W32	L12	W30	W20	L13	3.0
24	Wolz, Dave	IA	1622*	1600*	H0	F0	W27	W20	L11	L15	2.5
25	Kolli, Sai	NE	1158*	1216*	L12	W27	D13	L21	W35	L14	2.5
26	Krueger, Aidan	IA	854/19	875/23	H0	H0	L19	L16	W32	D30	2.5
27	Mannengi, Siva	IA	1287*	1225*	L5	L25	L24	L33	W36	W34	2.0
28	Vigil, Jacob T	IA	1131*	1122*	L8	W37	L9	W34	L15	L18	2.0
29	Rao, Srinivas	IA	1127/23	1112*	L11	L20	W36	W32	L21	L19	2.0
30	Nixon, Niko	IA	828*	847*	L9	L21	W33	L23	D34	D26	2.0
31	Nixon, Nolon	IA	801*	811*	L13	L16	L32	W36	L33	W35	2.0
32	Reed, Alex Jordan	IA	1148/00	816/06	L14	L23	W31	L29	L26	W36	2.0
33	Reed, Jeffrey Lor	IA	1300/00	994/06	L19	L35	L30	W27	W31	L20	2.0
34	Pierce, Benjamin	IA	579*	593*	B0	L10	L20	L28	D30	L27	1.5
35	Formanek, Joshua	IA	1125/12	1072/18	L4	W33	L17	L22	L25	L31	1.0
36	Duszynski, Daniel	IA	1300/00	443/06	L17	L22	L29	L31	L27	L32	0.0
37	Lazarre, Lara, Dr	IA	1300/00	728/02	L18	L28	U0	U0	U0	U0	0.0

and we built it up from about 40 players to the 200+ we now get. Much help along the way has come from Eric Vigil, Jim Hodina, Bill Broich, Stephen Plotnick, Bill Feldman, John Hartman, Ming Lodh, Peer Saleem, Crissy Vigil, Ken Fee, Shanthi Thangavel, Christian Schmitz (sorry if I have accidently omitted anyone) and all the players who have taken a chance on this tournament. For future editions look to Eric Vigil and Jim Hodina to pave the way. Thank you.

IM Brooks,Michael A (2378) − Gradskey, Benjamin (2037) [A05] (1), 25.08.2018
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.c3 ♘f6 4.d3 ♘c6 5.♘bd2 g6 6.g3 ♗g7 7.♗g2 0-0 8.0-0 ♖b8 9.♖e1 ♘d7 10.♘b3 ♘de5 11.♘×e5 ♘×e5 12.♗e3 ♗g4 13.f3 ♗d7 14.♕e2 ♗b5 15.♘c1 ♕d7 16.h3 b6 17.f4 ♘c6 18.♕d2 e5 19.f5 f6 20.g4 ♘e7 21.♘e2 ♖bd8 22.c4 ♗a6 23.♘g3 ♘c6 24.♔f2 b5 25.b3 ♖b8 26.h4 ♔f7 27.h5 g5 28.h6 ♗h8 29.♖ac1 ♕e7 30.♘e2 b4 31.♖a1 ♗b7 32.♘g1 ♖g8 33.♘f3 ♔e8 34.a3 a5 35.a×b4 a×b4 36.♖a4 ♔d7 37.♔g3 ♔c7 38.♗f1 ♔c8 39.♕h2 ♔c7 40.♗e2 ♕f7 41.♖ea1 ♕e8 42.♗f2 ♕f7 43.♘e1 ♖a8 44.♘c2 ♖×a4 45.♖×a4 ♖a8 46.♖×a8 ♗×a8 47.♗d1 ♗b7 48.♗g1 ♘e7 49.♘e3 ♕f8 50.♗f3 ♗c6 51.♘d5+ ♘×d5 52.e×d5 ♗d7 53.♕a2 ♕b8 54.♗×c5 d×c5 55.♕a5+ ♔d6 56.♗e4 ♕c7 57.♕a8
½-½

Tan,Ying (2030) − NM Richter,Alex (2341) [E05] (1), 25.08.2018
1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 ♗e7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 d×c4 7.♕c2 a6 8.a4 ♗d7 9.♕×c4 ♗c6 10.♗f4 ♗d6 11.♘c3 ♗×f4 12.g×f4 ♘bd7 13.♘e5 ♗×g2 14.♔×g2 ♘b6 15.♕d3 ♘bd5 16.♕f3 a5 17.e3 c6 18.♔h1 ♕b6 19.♖g1 g6 20.f5 ♕×b2 21.♘×d5 ♘×d5 22.♘d7 ♖fd8 23.f×g6 f×g6 24.♘f6+ ♘×f6 25.♕×f6 ♖d7 26.♕×e6+ ♔f7 27.♖ab1 ♕e2 28.♖×b7 ♕f3+ 29.♖g2 ♕d1+ 30.♖g1 ♕f3+
½-½

NM Iwu,Okechukwu A (2289) − Shoykhet, Benjamin (1982) [A43] (1), 25.08.2018
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 c5 3.d5 e6 4.♘c3 e×d5 5.♘×d5 ♘×d5 6.♕×d5 ♗e7 7.♗f4 ♘c6 8.c3 d6 9.e3 ♗e6 10.♕d2 d5 11.♗e2 0-0 12.0-0 ♗d6 13.♗×d6 ♕×d6 14.♖fd1 ♖ad8 15.♕c2 ♕e7 16.♖d2 ♖d6 17.♖ad1 ♖fd8 18.♕a4 f6 19.♕h4 ♗f5 20.♗d3 ♗×d3 21.♖×d3 ♘e5 22.♘×e5 ♕×e5 23.♕a4 a6 24.h3 b5 25.♕a5 ♕e7 26.a4 ♕b7 27.a×b5 a×b5 28.♖a1 d4 29.c×d4 c×d4 30.♖ad1 ♕e4 31.♕b4 ♕c6 32.♖×d4 ♖×d4 33.♖×d4 ♖×d4 34.♕×d4 h6 35.h4 ♕c1+ 36.♔h2 ♕f1 37.e4 ♕e2 38.g3 h5 39.♔g2 ♔h7 40.b3 g6 41.♕a7+ ♔h6 42.♕e3+ ♕×e3 43.f×e3 ♔g7 44.♔f3 ♔f7 45.♔f4 ♔e6 46.e5 f×e5+ 47.♔g5 ♔f7 48.b4 ♔g7 49.e4 ♔f7 50.♔h6 ♔f6 51.♔h7 ♔f7
½-½

Deshpande,Neil (1995) − NM Wan,Joseph Cheng−Yue (2275) [C18] (1), 25.08.2018
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗×c3+ 6.b×c3 ♘e7 7.♕g4 ♕c7 8.♕×g7 ♖g8 9.♕×h7 c×d4 10.♘e2 ♘bc6 11.f4 d×c3 12.♕d3 d4 13.♘×d4 ♘×d4 14.♕×d4 ♗d7 15.♗e3 ♘f5 16.♕c5 ♕c6 17.0-0-0 ♘×e3 18.♕×e3 ♕a4 19.♕×c3 ♖c8 20.♕b2 ♕×f4+ 21.♔b1 ♗c6 22.g3 ♕f2 23.♗b5 ♖g4 24.♔a1 ♕c5 25.♗×c6+ ♖×c6 26.♖d3 ♔f8 27.♖f1 ♖c7 28.♖df3 ♖c4 29.♖1f2 ♕d5 30.♖d3 ♕e4 31.♖dd2 ♔g7 32.♖de2 ♕h1+ 33.♔a2 ♕d5 34.♔a1 ♖c3 35.♕c1 ♕d4 36.♔a2 ♕c4+ 37.♔a1 ♕d4 38.♔a2 ♕c4+ 39.♔a1 ♕a4 40.♕g5+ ♔f8 41.♕d8+ ♔g7 42.♕g5+ ♔f8 43.♕d8+ ♔g7
½-½

NM Saleem,Arshaq (2252) − Reynolds, Robert L (1991) [E92] (1), 25.08.2018
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 0-0 6.♗e3 c6 7.♘f3 e5 8.d5 c×d5 9.c×d5 ♘g4 10.♗g5 f6 11.♗c1 f5 12.e×f5 g×f5 13.♘g5 ♘f6 14.0-0 ♕e7 15.♗c4 ♘bd7 16.a4 ♘c5 17.b4 ♘ce4 18.♘c×e4 ♘×e4 19.♘×e4 f×e4 20.♗e3 ♕h4 21.♕d2 ♗g4 22.♗g5 ♕h5 23.♖fe1 ♖f5 24.♗e3 ♖af8 25.♗e2 ♖f3 26.g×f3 e×f3 27.♗f1 e4 28.♗d4 ♗h3 29.♗×h3 ♗×d4 30.♗e6+ ♖f7 31.♗×f7+ ♔×f7 32.♕f4+ ♔g8 33.♖ac1 ♗e5 34.♖c8+ ♔g7 35.♕f8+ ♔g6 36.♕e8+ 1-0

Sheshappa,Ankith (1750) − NM Neal, II, James Alex (2241) [D03] (1), 25.08.2018
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗g5 d5 3.e3 ♘bd7 4.♘d2 g6 5.♘gf3 ♗g7 6.♗d3 c5 7.c3 0-0 8.0-0 ♖e8 9.♘e5 ♘×e5 10.d×e5 ♘g4 11.♗b5 ♗d7 12.e6 ♗×b5 13.e×f7+ ♔×f7 14.♕×g4 ♗×f1 15.♖×f1 ♕c8 16.♕h4 ♕d7 17.f4 ♔g8 18.g4 ♖ac8 19.f5 ♖c6 20.♖f3 g×f5 21.g×f5 h6 22.f6 e×f6 23.♗×h6 ♖e7 24.♖g3 ♕f5 25.c4 ♖ce6 26.c×d5 ♕×d5 27.e4 ♕d4+ 28.♔g2 f5 29.♕f4 f×e4 30.♕b8+ ♔h7 31.♗e3 ♕×b2 32.♖h3+ ♗h6 33.♕f4 ♕g7+ 34.♔h1 ♖f7 35.♖×h6+ ♖×h6 36.♕×e4+ ♖g6 37.♕h4+ ♔g8 0-1

NM Zaloznyy,Mike (2241) − Zulic,Jasmin (1962) [A14] (1), 25.08.2018
1.♘f3 e6 2.g3 c5 3.♗g2 ♘c6 4.c4 d5 5.b3 ♘f6 6.0-0 ♗e7 7.♗b2 d4 8.e3 e5 9.e×d4 e×d4 10.♘a3 0-0 11.d3 h6 12.♘c2 a5 13.a3 ♕b6 14.♖b1 ♗g4 15.h3 ♗×f3 16.♗×f3 ♖ad8 17.♗c1 ♗d6 18.♗g2 ♕c7 19.♕f3 ♘e5 20.♕f5 ♕d7 21.♕×d7 ♖×d7 22.♖d1 ♘c6 23.♗d2 ♖a8 24.b4 a×b4 25.a×b4 ♖a2 26.b×c5 ♗×c5 27.♗×c6 b×c6 28.♘b4 ♗×b4 29.♖×b4 c5 30.♖b8+ ♔h7 31.♖c8 ♖da7 32.♖×c5 ♖a1 33.♗c1 ♖7a2 34.♖f1 ♖c2 35.♗f4 ♖a3 36.♖c7 ♖×d3 37.♖×f7 ♖×c4 38.♖a1 ♖c8 39.♖aa7 ♘e8 40.♗e5 ♖d1+ 41.♔g2 d3 42.♖×g7+ ♘×g7 43.♖×g7+ ♔h8 44.♖c7+ ♔g8 45.♖×c8+ ♔f7 46.♗f4 ♔e6 47.♖c1 ♖×c1 48.♗×c1 h5 49.♔f3 ♔d5 50.♔e3 1-0

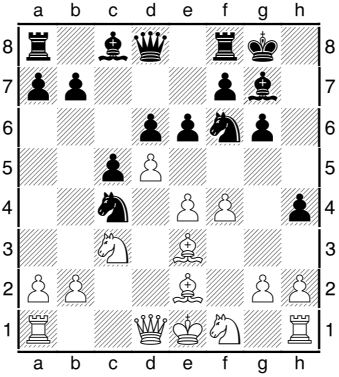
GM Gareyev,Timur (2679) − NM Kosokin, Valeriy (2173) [E40] (2), 25.08.2018
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 ♗×c3+ 5.b×c3 d6 6.♗d3 0-0 7.e4 e5 8.♘e2 h6 9.0-0 ♖e8 10.f3 ♘c6 11.♗e3 ♘a5 12.♘g3 b6 13.♕e2 c5 14.d5 ♖b8 15.♔h1 ♖b7 16.♖g1 g5 17.♗f2 ♔g7 18.♘f1 ♖g8 19.♘e3 ♔f8 20.g3

♖e7 21.♖ae1 ♖g7 22.♕c2 ♕e8 23.♖e2 ♔g8 24.♗e1 ♘h7 25.♖eg2 ♘f6 26.♗d2 ♔f8 27.h4 ♘g8 28.♗c1 f6 29.♖h2 ♕g6 30.♗f1 g4 31.f×g4 ♗×g4 32.♘×g4 ♕×g4 33.♖f2 ♕c8 34.♕e2 ♕g4 35.♕e3 ♖ef7 36.♗e2 ♕h3+ 37.♖h2 ♕d7 38.♖f1 ♔e7 39.g4 ♕a4 40.♖hf2 ♕d7 41.♕d3 ♔d8 42.♖f5 ♕a4 43.a3 ♔c7 44.♔h2 ♕b3 45.♖1f2 ♕a4 46.♔g2 ♕b3 47.♖f1 ♕a4 48.♕d1 ♕d7 49.♔h2 ♖e7 50.♖1f2 ♖ef7 51.♔g1 ♖e7 52.♔f1 ♖ef7 53.♗e3 ♔b7 54.♔e1 ♖e7 55.♔d2 ♖ef7 56.♔c1 ♖e7 57.♖g2 ♖ef7 58.♔d2 a6 59.♔e1 ♔a7 60.♔f2 ♘b7 61.♔g1 ♕e8 62.♗f1 ♕d7 63.♕f3 ♖h7 64.♖g3 ♖fg7 65.♕d1 ♔b8 66.♖h5 ♔c7 67.♗h3 ♕e8 68.♕f3 ♕a4 69.g5 h×g5 70.♖×h7 ♖×h7 71.♕f5 1-0

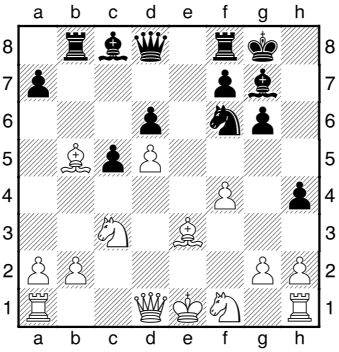
Annotated by NM Arshaq Saleem

NM McEntee,Tim R (2201) − NM Saleem, Arshaq (2252) [E81] (2), 25.08.2018

Since it was only the second round, it was important that I won this game. It was clear from the opening that he had the same attitude. **1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3** [This introduces the so−called 'Saemisch' Variation against the King's Indian Defense. White stays flexible with his king's position and can adapt according to Black's play.] **5...0−0 6.♗e3 c5** [The main theoretical option for Black. It is a pawn sacrifice, but Black gets enough compensation if White accepts it.] **7.♘ge2** [Again, the main move. 7.d×c5 d×c5 8.♕×d8 ♖×d8 9.♗×c5 It may seem that White simply has an extra pawn, but the pawn on f3 is an impediment to normal development of White's kingside minor pieces. Black must use the time White takes to consolidate to gain counterplay. It should be noted that this pawn sacrifice has its own significant body of theory. One example line may be 9...♘c6 10.♘ge2 b6 11.♗a3 *(11.♗e3* is already bad because of *11...♘b4)* 11...♗b7 12.♘d5 e6 13.♘e7+ ♘×e7 14.♗×e7 ♖d7 15.♗b4 ♖c8 16.♘c3 ♘h5 and Black is ready to strike in the center with f5.] **7...♘c6** [7...c×d4 8.♘×d4 just gives White the Maroczy Bind.] **8.d5** [If White tries to keep the tension, Black can play 8.♕d2 ♕a5! now if White 9.0-0-0 a6 with the idea of b5 gives Black good chances.] **8...♘e5 9.♘g3 h5** [the modern move. 9...e6 used to be played, but I feel that White is a bit better in the lines after 10.♗e2 e×d5 11.c×d5 a6 12.a4] **10.♗e2 h4 11.♘f1 e6 12.f4 ♘×c4!** [This was first unleashed by Grischuk in the 2013 Candidates. It's a fantastic resource that leads to crazy positions. 12...♘eg4 is the old move, and it is simply bad. 13.♗×g4 ♘×g4 14.♕×g4 e×d5 15.f5 d4 16.♘d5 d×e3 17.♘f×e3 ♗×b2 18.0-0! as played by Tomashev

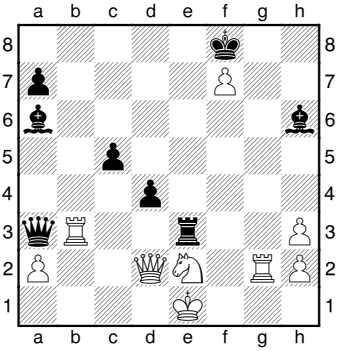


sky gives White a strong attack.] **13.♗×c4 b5!!** [again, this is still all theory.] **14.♗×b5 e×d5 15.e×d5** [this move is the most natural, but doesn't give Black as many problems. 15.e5! is White's best option, and the ensuing complications are difficult even for computers to evaluate.] **15...♖b8** [It's time to take stock of the position. Black is down a full piece, and doesn't



even have a pawn for it. But in exchange, White lacks total coordination in his camp. It will not be easy for him to get castled, and there are a plethora of tactical motifs lurking in the position. Overall, I would much rather play this with Black, although I must admit it was quite nerve−racking to play this game, as I was afraid I would lose my compensation if I didn't play accurately.] **16.♕d2 h3?** [This move, however, is just not good. I saw some other games where Black used this motif to pry open the h1=e4 diagonal, but I'm just not set up well enough to exploit it. Additionally, I allow his knight on f1, that was previously suffocating, to breathe. 16...♗f5 would have been a better option, trying to get ♘e4 in.] **17.g×h3! ♕a5 18.♗e2?!**

[18.♗c6 to prevent my rook from coming to e8 and adding protection to d5 would have been better.] **18...♖e8 19.♖g1** [here I saw an interesting option, and I couldn't resist playing it. There are not many times in your chess career that you get to play such combinations, so if they're present, and they work, you should go for them.] **19...♖×b2!? 20.♕×b2 ♘×d5** [I left the board after playing this move. When I returned, I had forgotten the material balance, and I was pretty sure I was just winning because after taking on c3 I would only be down and exchange. Suddenly, I remembered that I wasn't down a rook, but a rook AND bishop.] **21.♖c1 ♘×c3 22.♕d2 d5** [very simple chess. I just decided to play how I would if I wasn't down material. Now d4 is a serious problem for White.] **23.♘g3 ♕a3?** [This was based off a misevaluation of the position after d4. 23...d4! Tim and I both thought White could play 24.♖×c3 d×c3 25.♕c1 relieving most of the pressure. However, the silicon beast points out that 25...♖×e3! wins 26.♕×e3 c2+ 27.♔f2 ♗d4 and it's all over.] **24.f5** [a good attempt, but Black now initiates a favorable forcing series of moves.] **24...♘×e2 25.♘×e2 ♖×e3 26.f×g6 ♗a6 27.g×f7+ ♔f8** [When I went for this, I didn't know for sure if it was good for me, but I thought the bishops are clearly outperforming the White rooks, and that White is too tied down.] **28.♖g2 d4 29.♖b1 ♗h6** [Now Black has a decisive attack.] **30.♖b3?** [This loses immediately. 30.♕b2 apparently would still save



White's position from immediate catastrophe, but Black has the elegant 30...♕c3+! 31.♕×c3 d×c3 32.♖b8+ ♔×f7 33.♖f2+ ♔e7 when the c-pawn is unstoppable.] **30...♖×e2+! 31.♕×e2 ♕a5+** [Now Black wins the queen and the game.] **32.♔d1 ♗×e2+ 33.♖×e2 ♕a4 34.♔e1 ♗e3 35.♖g2 ♕×f7 36.h4 ♕c6 37.♖gb2 c4 38.♖b8 ♕h1+ 39.♔e2 ♕g2+ 40.♔e1 ♕g1+ 41.♔e2 ♕f2+ 42.♔d1 ♕f1+** [This was probably the craziest game I had ever played. It was hard to play for both sides the whole way through and there were interesting tactical tries for both sides.]
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NM Neal II,James Alex (2238) − Rudolph, Joziah S (2091) [B00] (2), 25.08.2018
1.e4 b6 2.d4 ♗b7 3.♗d3 ♘f6 4.♘d2 c5 5.d5 e5 6.♘gf3 ♕c7 7.0-0 d6 8.a4 ♗a6 9.c4 ♗c8 10.h3 a5 11.♖e1 ♘a6 12.♘f1 ♘b4 13.♘g3 g6 14.♗g5 ♗g7 15.♖a3 h6 16.♗d2 ♗a6 17.♗f1 0-0-0 18.♘h2 ♕e7 19.♖ae3 ♔c7 20.b3 ♗c8 21.♘e2 ♘d7 22.♘c3 ♗a6 23.♕b1 ♖df8 24.♖f3 ♗f6 25.♘g4 ♗g5 26.♘e3 ♘f6 27.g3 ♘d7 28.h4 ♗f6 29.♕c1 ♗g7 30.♕b1 h5 31.♗h3 ♗h6 32.♘f1 ♗×d2 33.♘×d2 ♖fg8 34.♘f1 ♘f6 35.♕c1 ♘e8 36.♕g5 f6 37.♕d2 ♖f8 38.♘e3 ♘g7 39.♔h2 ♗c8 40.♘b5+ ♔b8 41.♗×c8 ♔×c8 42.♘c2 ♘×c2 43.♕×c2 f5 44.e×f5 ♘×f5 45.♕e4 ♖f6 46.♖d3 ♖hf8 47.f4 ♘h6 48.f×e5 ♘g4+ 49.♔g1 ♘×e5 50.♖de3 ♖f5 51.♖1e2 ♕f6 52.♕g2 ♖f1+ 53.♔h2 ♘g4+ 54.♔h3 ♕a1 55.♖e8+ ♖×e8 56.♖×e8+ ♔d7 0-1

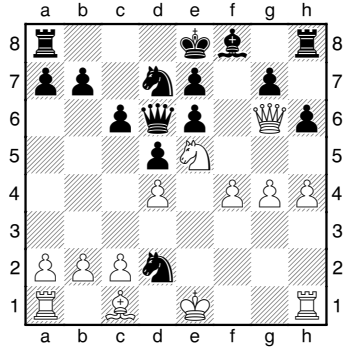
Shoykhet,Benjamin (1982) − IM Brooks, Michael A (2378) [A25] (2), 25.08.2018
1.c4 e5 2.g3 d6 3.♗g2 ♘c6 4.♘c3 g6 5.♘f3 ♗g7 6.0-0 g5 7.d3 g4 8.♘d2 h5 9.♘de4 f6 10.♘d5 ♘d4 11.c5 d×c5 12.♘×c5 c6 13.♘c3 ♘e7 14.b4 b6 15.♘b3 ♗e6 16.♘×d4 ♕×d4 17.♗b2 h4 18.♘e4 h×g3 19.h×g3 ♖d8 20.♕a4 ♕d7 21.♖ac1 ♗d5 22.♘c3 ♗×g2 23.♔×g2 ♘f5 24.♖h1 ♔e7 25.b5 c5 26.♕e4 ♔f7 27.♖×h8 ♖×h8 28.♖h1 ♖×h1 29.♔×h1 ♘d6 30.♕d5+ ♕e6 31.d4 ♕×d5+ 32.♘×d5 ♔e6 33.♘c7+ ♔d7 34.♘d5 ♘f5 35.e4 ♘d6 36.♔g2 c4
½-½

Annotated by Owen Fiedorowicz

Fiedorowicz,Owen (1776) − Timm,Jordan Everett (1922) [B12] (2), 25.08.2018

[This is my 2nd round game in the Iowa Open. I was playing against Jordan Timm, a 1900 I had played against twice before as black. Once I won, once I lost. Now it was my turn to play white.] **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 ♗e4 6.f3 ♗h7 7.e6 f×e6** [The point of this opening is to stop the e and g breaks, to bind black's pieces.] **8.♗d3 ♕d6 9.f4 ♘f6 10.♗×h7 ♖×h7 11.♕d3 ♖h8 12.♘f3** [Once I put my knight on e5, and my Queen on g6 black will be almost lost.] **12...♘bd7 13.♘e5 ♘e4 14.♘d2 ♘×d2?** [14...♘×e5 15.f×e5 ♕d7 This is

better, but still bad for black.] **15.♕g6+**

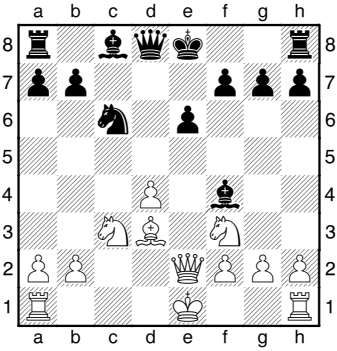


[Winning the queen.] **15...♔d8 16.♘f7+ ♔c7 17.♘×d6 ♘f3+ 18.♔f2 ♘×d4 19.♘f7 ♖g8 20.♕h7** [And white went on to win.] **20...e5 21.♕×g8 ♘×c2 22.♘×e5 ♘×e5 23.f×e5 ♘×a1 24.♔g2 ♘c2 25.♖f1 e6 26.♖×f8 ♖×f8 27.♕×g7+ ♔b6 28.♕×f8 d4 29.♕×h6 ♘e1+ 30.♔h1 ♘d3 31.♕d2 ♘×e5 32.♕×d4+ c5 33.♕×e5 ♔b5 34.♕×e6 b6 35.♕d7+ ♔a6 36.a4 c4 37.♗d2 c3 38.♗×c3 b5 39.♕×b5# 1-0**

NM Richter,Alex (2341) − Deshpande,Neil (1995) [B13] (2), 25.08.2018
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e×d5 c×d5 4.c4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 d×c4 7.d5 ♘a5 8.♘f3 h6 9.♗f4 a6 10.b4 c×b3 11.a×b3 e6 12.d6 ♘c6 13.♗e2 ♘h5 14.♗e5 ♘×e5 15.♘×e5 ♘f6 16.♘b5 ♘d5 17.♗h5 g6 18.♕f3 ♖h7 19.♘×f7 ♖×f7 20.♗×g6 ♕d7 21.0-0 ♗g7 22.♖a4 ♔f8 23.♗×f7 ♕×f7 24.♕×f7+ ♔×f7 25.♘c7 ♘×c7 26.d×c7 ♗d7 27.♖d1 ♔e7 28.♖g4 ♗f8 29.♖gd4 ♗c8 30.♖d8 ♔f7 31.♖1d3 ♗b4 32.♖f3+ ♔g7 33.♖g3+ ♔f7 34.♖gg8 ♗a5 35.♖×c8 ♖×c8 36.♖×c8 b5 37.♖b8 ♗×c7 38.♖b7 ♔f6 39.♖×c7 a5 40.♖b7 a4 41.b4 ♔e5 42.♖×b5+ ♔d4 43.♖a5 ♔c3 44.♖×a4 ♔b3 45.♖a6 ♔×b4 46.♖×e6 h5 47.f4 h4 48.f5 h3 49.g4 ♔c4 50.f6 ♔d5 51.♖e1 ♔d6 52.f7 ♔d7 53.f8♕ ♔c6 54.♕f5 ♔d6 55.♖e6+ ♔d7 56.♕f7+ ♔d8 57.♖e8# 1-0

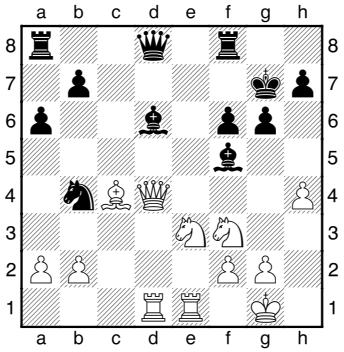
Annotated by NM Joseph Wan

NM Wan,Joseph Cheng−Yue (2275) − Tan, Ying (2030) [B22] (2), 25.08.2018
1.e4 [After drawing a disappointing and rather boring game in round one, I dropped all the way down to board 20 due to accelerated pairings. A familiar opponent sat across the board from me; Expert Ying Tan, whom I had known since I lived in Nebraska. We had two meetings prior to this game. Once in the 2018 Port of Burlington, where I had White and the game was drawn. The second time was at the 2018 Wellsburg, where I had Black and won. Now the third time, I had White again!] **1...c5 2.♘f3 e6** [I had expected this, and had looked a little bit at our game at Burlington before the round.] **3.c3** [Once again declining to go into an Open Sicilian, White opts for an Alapin like move.] **3...♘f6** [However, I wasn't ready for Tan to play this move! At Burlington, he had played 3... d5 instead, and I got a slight pull in the opening. 3...d5 4.e×d5 ♕×d5 5.d4 ♘f6 6.♗e2 ♘c6 7.♘a3 a6± Wan− Tan, Port of Burlington 2018. Eventually 1/2-1/2.] **4.e5 ♘d5 5.d4 c×d4 6.c×d4 d6 7.♘c3 ♘c6!?** [A slight inaccuracy. The main line runs 7...♘×c3 8.b×c3 ♕c7 9.♗d2 ♘d7 10.♗d3 d×e5 11.0-0=] **8.e×d6 ♗×d6** [The bishop doesn't belong here in this line. Better was to recapture with the queen, eventually manuevering the bishop to "f6", where it will menace the "d4" pawn.] **9.♗d3 ♘f4?!** [Black is wasting far too much time. This gives White a chance to play a nice pawn sacrifice which, no matter if Black accepts or not, will lead to an edge for White.] **10.♗×f4** [First, we must remove this beast.] **10...♗×f4 11.♕e2** [Voluntarily offering



the "d4" pawn, but taking it is extremely risky for Black, as his king will be stuck in the center. Tan really went into the tank here, as Black's position has suddenly got hard to play.] **11...♔f8?** [However, this move is a bit too extreme. The materialistic engine (Rybka) recommends just accepting the pawn sacrifice, although it may be hard for a human to reach that conclusion. 11...♘×d4 12.♘×d4 ♕×d4 13.♗b5+ ♔e7 14.g3 ♗c7 15.0-0 according to Rybka.; Note that 11...0-0?? drops the bishop to 12.♕e4!] **12.0-0 g6** [Black is trying to make the best of a bad situation, making a square for his king in hopes of finally getting his rooks active.] **13.♖ad1 ♔g7 14.♕e4 ♗d6 15.♖fe1** [Calm play does it. Before White makes any drastic

breaks, he mobilizes the rooks.] **15...a6 16.h4** [A useful move, both to support an eventual ♘g5 or to use the pawn as a battering ram to split open Black's kingside with h5.] **16...♘b4?!** [Really, Black cannot afford to dawdle any more! This only drives the White bishop to a square where it wants to be anyway! 16...♕e7 17.h5 ♖d8 18.a3 ♖b8 19.♕e3± White is still clearly better, but at least Black's king is safer.] **17.♗c4 ♖f8 18.d5?** [Too soon. I had missed Black's best reply. 18.a3 ♘c6 19.d5! e×d5 20.♘×d5 ♗f5 21.♕e3±] **18...e×d5??** [Now its over. 18...e5!! 19.♕e2 ♗f5 20.♗b3 a5 21.a3 ♘a6 22.♗c2 ♗×c2 23.♕×c2±] **19.♘×d5 ♗f5** [The bishop finally makes an appearance, but its much too late to save the game.] **20.♕d4+ f6 21.♘e3!** [A devastating move, which not only



guards against the fork ♘c2, but attacks Black's light−squared bishop and uncovers an attack on the dark−squared bishop!] **21...♗e7 22.♘×f5+ g×f5 23.♕f4! ♕e8 24.♘d4** [The easiest way to win. White threatens to win material in several different ways.] **24...♘c6 25.♘×c6** [However, this is the simplest and most efficient way of doing so. 25.♘×f5+ It is quite evident that this, along with 25. ♘e6+, also win. 25...♔h8 26.♕h6 ♕g6 27.♕×g6 h×g6 28.♘×e7+-] **25...b×c6 26.♕c7** [And Black resigned here. He is pow−erless to prevent the loss of massive material, starting with the bishop on "e7", who is pinned helplessly to his king, who had never found a safe haven. A pretty decent game by me, alt−hough missing e5! after my central break could've cost me. I took advantage of Tan's opening missteps and time trouble to weave a winning position, and took my chances when they came. Thanks to Mark, Eric, Bill and Jim for doing a wonderful job directing and organiz−ing, and to GM Timur Gareyev for winning the tournament!]
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Gradsky,Benjamin (2037) − NM Iwu, Oke−chukwu A (2289) [A07] (2), 25.08.2018
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Alexander,Roger K (1805) − Yadav,Omkar (1601) [B20] (2), 25.08.2018
1.e4 c5 2.b4 c×b4 3.a3 e5 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.♗b5 ♘f6 6.0−0 ♕b6 7.♕e2 ♘d4 8.♘×d4 ♕×d4 9.c3 b×c3 10.♘×c3 a6 11.♗d3 d5 12.♔h1 ♗d6 13.♖b1 0−0 14.♗b2 ♕c5 15.♘×d5 ♘×d5 16.e×d5 ♕×d5 17.♗c4 ♕c6 18.♖fc1 ♕d7 19.♗×e5 ♖e8 20.d4 ♔h8 21.♕h5 ♗×e5 22.d×e5 g6 23.♕e2 b5 24.♖d1 ♕f5 25.♗d5 ♖×e5 26.♕b2 ♖a7 27.♗×f7 ♖×f7 28.♖d8+ ♔g7 29.♖×c8 ♖fe7 30.♖cc1 ♕f6 31.♕b4 ♖e4 32.♕c5 ♖4e5 33.♕b4 a5 34.♕×a5 ♕×f2 35.♖g1 ♔h6 36.♖bf1 ♕c5 37.♕d2+ ♕e3 38.♕×e3+ ♖×e3 39.♖b1 ♖b7 40.♖b4 ♖×a3 41.♖gb1 ♖a2 42.♔g1 ♖f7 43.♖f1 ♖×f1+ 44.♔×f1 ♖a5 45.♔f2 ♔g5 46.♔f3 ♖a3+ 47.♔f2 ♖a5 48.♔f3 ♔f5 49.h4 h5 50.♖b3 ♔e5 51.g3 ♔d5 52.♖e3 ♖a4 53.♖e8 ♔d4 54.♖e6 b4 55.♖×g6 b3 56.♖b6 ♔c3 0-1

NM Gibbins,Wilson K (2220) − GM Gareyev, Timur (2679) [A10] (3), 25.08.2018
1.c4 a5 2.d4 e6 3.e4 ♗b4+ 4.♘c3 d6 5.♘f3 ♘f6 6.♗d3 ♘c6 7.d5 ♘e7 8.♕c2 0−0 9.0−0 ♘g6 10.♘a4 ♗d7 11.a3 ♗×a4 12.♕×a4 ♗c5 13.♕c2 ♘g4 14.h3 ♘4e5 15.♘×e5 ♘×e5 16.b3 ♗d4 17.♖a2 ♕h4 18.♕e2 f5 19.e×f5 e×f5 20.♗e3 ♖ae8 21.♗×d4 ♕×d4 22.♗b1 ♕b6 23.♕c2 g6 24.♖b2 f4 25.b4 a×b4 26.a×b4 f3 27.g3 ♖a8 28.♗a2 ♖a3 29.♖b3 ♖fa8 30.♖×a3 ♖×a3 31.♖b1 ♕d4 32.♖c1 ♘d3 33.♖b1 ♘×b4 34.♖×b4 ♖×a2 0-1

NM Saleem,Arshaq (2252) − Rudolf,Joziah S (2091) [E62] (3), 25.08.2018
1.d4 d6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 ♗f5 5.g3 ♘e4 6.♘×e4 ♗×e4 7.♗g2 ♗g7 8.0−0 0−0 9.♕b3 b6 10.♗g5 ♖e8 11.♕e3 ♗b7 12.♖ac1 ♘d7 13.♕d2 ♘f6 14.♗h6 ♗h8 15.d5 c6 16.d×c6 ♗×c6 17.b4 ♖c8 18.b5 ♗a8 19.♘d4 ♗×g2 20.♔×g2 ♘g4 21.♘c6 ♕d7 22.♗f4

♘f6 23.f3 ♘h5 24.e4 ♕b7 25.♗g5 ♘g7 26.♕d5 ♘e6 27.f4 ♕d7 28.♗h4 ♘d8 29.♘b4 ♖c5 30.♕d3 f5 31.e×f5 ♖×f5 32.♘d5 e6 33.♘e3 ♖ff8 34.♗×d8 ♕b7+ 35.♔g1 ♖×d8 36.♖cd1 ♕c7 37.h4 ♕c5 38.♔h2 ♗f6 39.♔g2 ♖fe8 40.♖h1 ♕c7 41.h5 ♕f7 42.♔f2 g5 43.f5 ♖f8 44.g4 ♗e5 45.♖h3 ♗f4 46.♖f3 ♖de8 47.♘c2
½-½

NM Zaloznyy,Mike (2241) − Fiedorowicz, Owen (1776) [A14] (3), 25.08.2018
1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 e6 3.b3 ♘f6 4.♗g2 c5 5.c4 ♗e7 6.0-0 0-0 7.♗b2 ♘c6 8.e3 b6 9.♕e2 ♗a6 10.♖d1 ♖c8 11.d3 ♕d6 12.♘c3 ♘d7 13.♘e1 ♘f6 14.f4 ♕d7 15.♘f3 d4 16.♘b5 d×e3 17.♘e5 ♘×e5 18.f×e5 ♘e8 19.d4 ♗×b5 20.d×c5 ♕c7 21.c×b5 ♗×c5 22.♖ac1 ♕b8 23.a3 ♘c7 24.b4 ♗e7 25.♕×e3 ♖fd8 26.♗c6 ♘d5 27.♗×d5 ♖×d5 28.♖×d5 ♖×c1+ 29.♕×c1 e×d5 30.♕c6 ♕d8 31.♗d4 ♗f8 32.h4 g5 33.h5 g4 34.♕c1 h6 35.♔f2 ♕d7 36.♕f4 ♗g7 37.a4 ♕c8 38.♔e1 ♕c4 39.♕×g4 ♕×b4+ 40.♔e2 ♕c4+ 41.♔e3 ♕c1+ 42.♔e2 ♕c2+ 43.♔f1 ♕c1+ 44.♔g2 ♕d2+ 45.♗f2 ♕d3 46.♕d4 ♕b3 47.♗e3 ♕c2+ 48.♗f2 ♕b3 49.♕g4 ♕d3 50.♕c8+ ♔h7 51.♕g4 ♔g8 52.♕d4 ♕b3 53.g4 ♕a2 54.♔f3 ♕b3+ 55.♗e3 ♕a2 56.♔g3 ♕b3 57.♔f4 ♕a2 58.♗f2 ♕e2 59.♗e3 ♕h2+ 60.♔f5 ♕g2 61.♔f4 ♕h2+ 62.♔f5 ♕g2 63.♔f4 ♕h2+ 64.♔f5
½-½

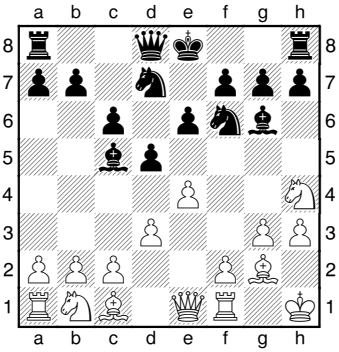
Swartz,Kevin (1882) − NM Richter,Alex (2341) [B13] (3), 25.08.2018
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f4 e6 3.e3 d5 4.♘f3 c5 5.c3 ♘c6 6.♘bd2 ♗d6 7.♗×d6 ♕×d6 8.♗d3 c×d4 9.e×d4 0-0 10.0-0 e5 11.d×e5 ♘×e5 12.♘×e5 ♕×e5 13.♖e1 ♕c7 14.♕c2 ♗d7 15.♘f3 ♕d6 16.♖ad1 ♖fe8 17.♕b3 ♗g4 18.♗e2 b6 19.h3 ♗e6 20.♘d4 ♗d7 21.♗f3 ♕c5 22.♘c2 ♗e6 23.♘d4 ♖ad8 24.♖e2 ♗d7 25.♖de1 ♖×e2 26.♖×e2 g6 27.♕d1 ♔g7 28.♕d3 a5 29.♘b3 ♕c7 30.♖e7 ♕d6 31.♖e1 ♗a4 32.♘d4 ♖c8 33.♕d2 h6 34.g4 ♗d7 35.♗g2 ♖h8 36.f4 ♖b8 37.♕f2 b5 38.g5 h×g5 39.f×g5 ♘h5 40.♖f1 ♖f8 41.♕f3 f6 42.♕×d5 ♕×d5 43.♗×d5 ♗×h3 44.g×f6+ ♘×f6 45.♗g2 ♗d7 46.♗c6 ♗h3 47.♗g2 ♗×g2 48.♔×g2 ♖b8 49.♘c6 ♖a8 50.a3 a4 51.♘d4 ♖b8 52.♖e1 ♘d5 53.♖e5 ♘f4+ 54.♔f3 ♘d3 55.♖e2 ♔f6 56.♔e3 ♘e5 57.♖f2+ ♔g5 58.♔e4 ♘c4 59.♕d5 ♔g4 60.♖g2+ ♔f4 61.♖×g6 ♘×b2 62.♔c6 ♘c4 63.♖f6+ ♔e4 64.♘×b5 ♘e5+ 65.♔c7 ♖×b5 66.♖a6 ♖c5+ 67.♔b7 ♖c4 68.♖a8 ♔d3 69.♔b6 ♔×c3 70.♔b5 ♔b3 71.♖e8 ♖e4 0-1

Gaul,Thomas (1851) − NM Wan,Joseph Cheng−Yue (2275) [A01] (3), 25.08.2018
1.b3 e5 2.♗b2 ♘c6 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 e4 5.♘d4 ♗c5 6.♘×c6 d×c6 7.♘c3 ♗f5 8.♘a4 ♗e7 9.♗e2 ♕d7 10.h3 h5 11.♗×f6 ♗×f6 12.c3 g6 13.♕c2 0-0-0 14.0-0-0 h4 15.♘c5 ♕d5 16.b4 b6 17.♗a6+ ♔b8 18.♘b3 ♗e6 19.♗e2 ♖he8 20.c4 ♕d6 21.a3 a5 22.b×a5 ♕×a3+ 23.♔b1 b×a5 24.♕a2 ♕b4 25.♔c2 ♗×c4 26.♗×c4 ♕×c4+ 27.♔b1 a4 28.♘d4 ♕×a2+ 29.♔×a2 ♗×d4 30.e×d4 ♖×d4 31.♖b1+ ♔c8 32.♖b2 ♖ed8 33.♖d1 ♖d3 34.♔b1 a3 35.♖a2 c5 36.♔c1 ♔b7 37.♖e1 f5 38.♖e2 ♔c6 39.f3 e×f3 40.g×f3 ♖×f3 41.♖e6+ ♖d6 42.♖e3 ♖×e3 43.d×e3 ♖d3 44.♖g2 ♖×e3 45.♖×g6+ ♔d5 0-1

Annotated by Cub Noble

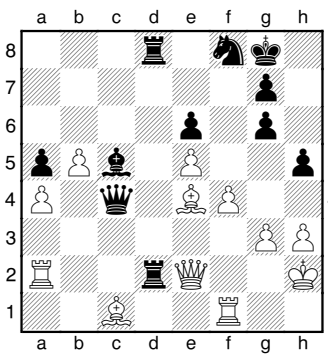
NM Mattson,Dane (2186) − Noble,Cub R (1781) [A07]
(3), 25.08.2018

[Going into this round, I was at 1.5/2 for the first day. If I went 1.5/3 for the end of day one, that would be a good start. I didn't have too high of expectations going against a Master.] **1.♘f3** [And the Reti... An opening I should know how to play against, but I'm not confident enough for a repertoire. Let's play something I'm comfortable with and see how it goes from here.] **1...d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 c6 4.0-0 ♗g4 5.h3 ♗h5 6.d3 e6 7.♕e1** [Completely missed this idea. ♕e1 steps out of the pin and preps e4.] **7...♗g6 8.♘h4 ♘bd7 9.e4 ♗c5 10.♔h1** [Well... this could definitely have gone better. All of my pieces are out. Good. Are they on good squares? Nope. Is the idea of f4, f5 coming



where my Bishop will be very uncomfortable? Yep.] **10...0-0 11.f4** [My king is relatively safe. I will need to make some serious positional concessions to not drop a piece, so let's see how it goes.] **11...h6 12.e5 ♘e8 13.♘×g6 f×g6** [My knight is on e8 and I have serious weaknesses on g6 and e6 with not a clear way to defend both of them. My pieces are feeling

clumsy with my only real break coming through c5 or d4. On a good day, maybe I play ♘b6, ♘d5, ♘e3 then my knight on e8 goes to c7 and d5.] **14.♕d1** [Or my opponent could shut all of those ideas down in one move. ♕d1 is a good move since it stops d4 due to the threat of ♕g4 threatening g6 and e6, so I go back on defensive mode.] **14...♖f7** [A little awkward looking, but the idea is I can cover e6 and g6 by ♘f8 then swing the rook over to either the c or d files.] **15.d4 ♗b6 16.c3 ♘f8** [Got to love the knights on f8 and e8...] **17.a4 a5 18.b3** [Now I think I see his idea. Play ♗a3 followed by ♗×f8 and the defender of g6 and e6 are gone.] **18...c5 19.c4** [Now things are getting a little murky. I hadn't planned on c4, but I wasn't too scared of it. I have enough that can cover d5 and c5.] **19...♘c7 20.♘a3** [Well... looks like ♗a3 won't be happening for a little while. I have some time to start moving pieces to better squares.] **20...♖d7 21.d×c5 d×c4 22.♕e1 ♗×c5 23.b×c4** [I'm not worried about the b7 pawn. I feel like after ♗×b7 ♖b8 I can get some counterplay on the file. Instead, let's jump into white's camp.] **23...♖d3 24.♗e4 ♖d7** [Then retreat from white's camp. I didn't like ... ♖b3 ♗c2 ♖b6 ♘b5] **25.♗×b7 ♖b8 26.♗c6 ♖d3** [Back into white's camp. This time, I have a little more control over the b−file so ♗e4 doesn't have as much bite.] **27.♘b5 ♘×b5 28.c×b5 ♕d4** [Move pieces into the party] **29.♖a2 ♖d8** [I'm threatening ideas like ♖d1] **30.♔h2 h5 31.♗e4** [Attacking my rook.] **31...♕c4** [Attacking his rook.] **32.♕e2** [Now his rook is covered but mine is still pinned. There has to be something here. I was down on the clock but I knew this was the critical position. Then an idea popped into my head.] **32...♖d2!** [This wins a



piece by force. My rook can be captured three different ways, regardless his rook will be left hanging on f1 threatening checkmate on g1 which gives me time to pick up the loose bishop on c1] **33.♖×d2 ♖×d2 34.♕×d2 ♕×f1 35.♕g2 ♕×c1 36.h4** [Giving some luft for the king. Now I just need to get more material off. Trade queens and stop his passed pawn, then I should be able to win this.] **36...♕a3 37.♕c2 ♕e3 38.♗g2 ♗b4 39.♗e4 ♗e1** [He resigned here and I let out a big sigh of relief. I had beaten my first Master and finished the first day with 2.5/3. Not a bad start to 2018's Iowa Open.] **0-1**

IM Brooks,Michael A (2378) − Lodh,Anjali (1507) [C00] (3), 25.08.2018
1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.♘d2 ♘f6 4.g3 c6 5.♗g2 ♗c5 6.♘gf3 ♕b6 7.0-0 0-0 8.♕e2 ♘a6 9.c3 ♘c7 10.b4 ♗e7 11.♘b3 ♘b5 12.♗b2 ♗d7 13.a3 ♖ac8 14.c4 ♘c7 15.♗d4 ♕a6 16.♘c5 ♗×c5 17.♗×c5 ♖fe8 18.♘e5 b6 19.♗e3 b5 20.♗g5 ♖cd8 21.♕f3 b×c4 22.♗×f6 g×f6 23.♕×f6 ♖f8 24.♘g4 h5 25.♕g5+ ♔h7 26.♕h6+ 1-0

Fricano,Paul Royal (1898) − NM Neal II, James Alex (2238) [C15] (3), 25.08.2018
1.♘c3 d5 2.e4 e6 3.d4 ♗b4 4.♘ge2 ♘c6 5.e5 f6 6.e×f6 ♘×f6 7.a3 ♗a5 8.♘g3 0-0 9.♗b5 ♕d6 10.b4 ♗b6 11.♘ce2 ♘×b4 12.♗f4 ♕e7 13.0-0 ♘c6 14.c4 ♗d7 15.c5 ♘×d4 16.♗×d7 ♘×e2+ 17.♕×e2 ♘×d7 18.c×b6 ♖×f4 19.b×c7 ♘c5 20.♕e3 ♕×c7 21.♖ac1 b6 22.♘h5 ♖h4 23.♘g3 ♕d6 24.f4 ♖f8 25.♘e2 ♘e4 26.g3 ♖h6 27.♘d4 e5 28.f×e5 ♖×f1+ 29.♔×f1 ♕×e5 30.♖c8+ ♔f7 31.♔g2 ♖f6 32.♘f3 ♕b2+ 33.♔g1 a6 34.♘g5+ ♔g6 35.♘h3 ♕a1+ 36.♖c1 ♕e5 37.♘f4+ ♔f7 38.♕d3 ♖d6 39.♕×a6 ♕d4+ 40.♔h1 g5 41.♕b7+ ♔f6 42.♕×h7 ♘f2+ 43.♔g2 ♕e4+ 44.♕×e4 ♘×e4 45.♘d3 d4 46.♖e1 ♘c5 47.♖f1+ ♔e6 48.♖e1+ ♔d5 49.♘b4+ ♔c4 50.♖b1 ♘d3 51.♔f3 ♘×b4 52.a×b4 ♔c3 53.♖c1+ ♔d2 54.♖c8 d3 55.b5 ♖d5 56.♔e4 ♖×b5 57.♖d8 ♖b4+ 58.♔f5 g4 59.h4 g×h3 60.♖h8 ♔c2 61.♖×h3 d2 62.♖h2 ♔c1 0-1

Lodh,Anish (1958) − NM McEntee,Tim (2201) [B22] (3), 25.08.2018
1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.d4 c×d4 5.c×d4 ♘c6 6.♘f3 d6 7.♗c4 e6 8.0-0 ♘b6 9.♗b3 d×e5 10.d×e5 ♕×d1 11.♖×d1 ♗d7 12.♗e3 ♘e7 13.♘c3 ♘g6 14.♗×b6 a×b6 15.♖d3 ♗c6 16.♖e1 ♗c5 17.♘e4 ♔e7 18.♘fd2 ♖hd8 19.♖×d8 ♖×d8 20.♘c4 ♗b4 21.♖e3 b5 22.♘a3 ♘×e5 23.♘g5 ♘g4 24.♖g3 ♘f6 25.♘f3 g6 26.♔f1 ♘e4 27.♖h3 h5 28.♘e1 ♘d2+ 29.♔e2 ♘×b3 30.♖×b3 ♗×e1 31.♔×e1 ♖d5 32.g3 ♖c5 33.♖d3 b4 34.♘b1 ♗e4 35.♖d1 ♗f3 36.♖d3 ♖c1+ 37.♔d2 ♖×b1 38.♖×f3 ♖×b2+ 39.♔c1 ♖×a2 40.♔b1 b3 41.h4 f5 42.♔c1 ♔f6 43.♔b1 g5 44.h×g5+ ♔×g5 45.♖×b3 ♖×f2 46.♖×b7 e5 0-1

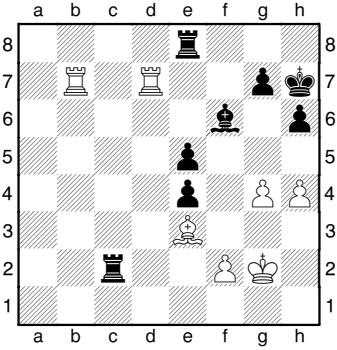
NM Kosokin,Valeriy (2173) − Rao,Patrick (1896) [C88] (3), 25.08.2018
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 0-0 8.a4 ♗b7 9.d3 d6 10.c3 ♘b8 11.♘bd2 ♘bd7 12.d4 c5 13.♗c2 ♕c7 14.♘f1 ♖fb8 15.♘g3 g6 16.♗g5 ♗f8 17.♗d3 c4 18.♗c2 ♗g7 19.♕d2 ♗c6 20.d5 ♗b7 21.♖a3 ♘c5 22.♖ea1 ♘fd7 23.h4 ♘b6 24.a×b5 a×b5 25.♕c1 ♘ba4 26.♗e3 ♖a6 27.♗×a4 ♘×a4 28.♘e1 ♖ba8 29.♘c2 ♘c5 30.♗×c5 ♕×c5 31.♖×a6 ♖×a6 32.♖×a6 ♗×a6 33.♕a1 ♕b6 34.h5 ♗b7 35.♘b4 ♗h6 36.h×g6 h×g6 37.♕a3 ♗f8 38.♘f1 ♗e7 39.♕a1 ♗g5 40.♘h2 ♗h4 41.♕e1 ♕a5 42.♘f3 ♗d8 43.g3 ♕a4 44.♕d2 ♕a1+ 45.♔g2 ♕b1 46.♘c6 ♗f6 47.♕e3 ♗c8 48.♕b6 ♗g4 49.♕b8+ ♔g7 50.♕×d6 ♗×f3+ 51.♔×f3 ♕d3+ 52.♔g2 ♕×e4+ 53.♔h2 ♕e2 54.♔g2 ♕e4+ 55.♔h2 ♕e2 56.♔g2 ♕e4+
½-½

Deshpande,Neil (1995) − Walker,Brent P (1741) [B33] (3), 25.08.2018
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 6.♘db5 d6 7.♗g5 a6 8.♘a3 ♗e6 9.♘d5 ♗×d5 10.e×d5 ♕a5+ 11.c3 ♕×d5 12.♗×f6 ♕×d1+ 13.♖×d1 g×f6 14.♘e3 ♘e7 16.♗c4 ♖g8 17.0-0 f5 18.f4 ♗h6 19.♘d5 ♘×d5 20.♗×d5 ♗×f4
½-½

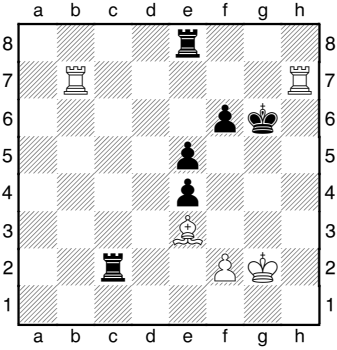
Annotations by GM Timur Gareyev

Gareyev,Timur (2679) − Richter,Alex (2341) [E17] (4), 25.08.2018

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b7 5.♗g2 ♗e7 6.0-0 0-0 7.♗f4 ♕c8 8.♘c3 d5 [8...♘e4 9.♘xe4 ♗xe4 10.d5 ♘a6 11.♕d2 ♗f6 12.♖ac1 ♖e8 13.d6] **9.c×d5** [9.Nb5 Na6 10.Rc1 dxc4 11.Rxc4 Bd5 12.Rc1 c5 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.Nc3 Bc6] **9...♘×d5 10.♘×d5 ♗×d5 11.♖c1±** [11.♕c2 ♘a6 12.e4 ♗b7 13.a3 c5 14.d5 e×d5 15.e×d5 ♗×d5 16.♖fe1 ♗f6 17.♖ad1 *(17.♘g5 ♗×g2 18.♗×d5 ♗×f4 19.♗×a8 ♕×a8 20.g×f4 ♘c7 21.♖ad1 ♘e6 22.♕e4 ♕b8)* 17...♗c6 18.♖d6 ♗b7 19.♗e5 ♗×e5 20.♘×e5] **11...♘a6 12.♖e1** [aiming to seize the center with e4. 12.a3 c5 13.d×c5 b×c5 14.♕c2 ♕b7 15.e4 ♗×e4 *(15...♗b3 16.♕e2 ♖ad8 17.♘d2 ♗a4 18.b3 ♗b5 19.♘c4 ♘b8 20.e5 ♘c6 21.a4 ♗a6)* 16.♘g5] **12...♗e4!** [My opponent was quite likely very familiar with this type of positions and found a lot of good ideas to be able to hold his own.] **13.♘e5 ♗×g2 14.♔×g2 c5 15.♕a4** [15.e4 ♕b7 16.d5 ♗d6 *(16...exd5 17.♕×d5)* 17.d×e6 ♗×e5 18.♗×e5 f×e6 19.♕b3 ♕f7 20.f4 ♘b4 21.♖ed1 ♘c6 22.♗c3] **15...♕b7+ 16.♕c6 ♕×c6+ 17.♘×c6 ♗f6 18.d×c5 ♘×c5 19.b4** [19.♗e5; 19.♗d6 ♖fc8 20.♘e7+ ♗×e7 21.♗×e7 f5 22.♖ed1 ♔f7 23.♗d6 ♘e4 24.♗c7 ♘f6 25.♔f3 ♖e8 26.♗e5 ♖ac8 27.h3 h5 28.b4 ♖×c1 29.♖×c1 ♖d8] **19...♖fc8 20.♘b8! e5 21.♗e3 ♖a×b8 22.b×c5 b×c5 23.♗×c5 ♖b2 24.♗×a7 ♖a8 25.a4** [25.a3 ♗e7 26.♗c5 ♗f8 27.♗×f8 ♔×f8 28.♖c5 f6 (28...♖×a3 29.♖d1 *(29.♖×e5)* 29...♖×e2 30.♖c7 ♔e8 31.♖b1) 29.♖c7] **25...♖a2 26.♖ed1 ♖×a4 27.♖d7 ♖a2 28.e3** [28.e4 ♖a4] **28...♗d8 29.♖cd1 ♗g5 30.♖b1 f5 31.♖bb7 ♗f6 32.♗c5 ♖e8 33.e4 ♖c2** [33...f×e4 34.g4 h6 35.h4 ♖c2 36.♗e3 g5] **34.♗e3 f×e4 35.g4 h6 36.h4 ♔h7?** [Over the course of the past few dozen



moves I have been able to exploit the standard opening edge and kept applying pressure. My opponent had defended well and would have been able to hold with 36..g5!. For example 36...g5 37.♖h7 *(37.h×g5)* 37...♖b8! important defensive idea to release the pressure. *(37...♖b2)* 38.♖a7 ♖a8 39.♖hg7+ ♔h8 40.♖g6 ♖×a7 41.♗×a7 ♗g7 42.h×g5 ♔h7 43.♖e6 h×g5 44.♗e3 ♖c4 45.♔f1 ♔g8 46.♗×g5 ♔f7 47.♖e7+ ♔g6 48.♗e3 ♖c6 holding fortress] **37.g5 h×g5 38.h×g5 ♔g6 39.g×f6 g×f6 40.♖h7!** [The piece



sac idea my opponent used is still very re−sourceful. I was lucky to find an immediate plan to limit and attack my opponent's king before he built a fortress.] **40...♖g8 41.♔h3! ♖c6!**

42.♖be7! ♖cc8! [It's amazing we were both able to find the very best moves in the position despite having little to no time on the clock. 42...♖a6? 43.♖h6+ ♔f5 44.♖h5+ ♔g6 45.♔g4+-] **43.♖h6+ ♔f5 44.♖h5+ ♔g6 45.♖eh7 ♖c3?** [finally my opponent gives in. 45...♖g7 46.♖×g7+ ♔×h5! 47.♖g4 ♖c4 48.♔g3 ♖b4 49.f3 ♖b3 50.♖×e4 ♖b2 51.♗c5 ♔g6 and this battle would have likely eventually transformed into R+B vs R endgame grind.] **46.♔g4 f5+ 47.♔h4 f4 48.♖5h6+ ♔f5 49.♖f7# 1-0**

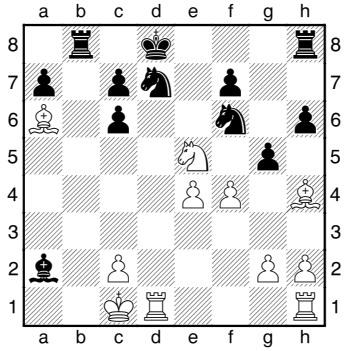
NM Wan,Joseph−Cheng−Yue (2275) − Madison, Jeremy M (2045) [B01] (4), 26.08.2018
1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘×d5 4.d4 ♗g4 5.♗e2 e6 6.0-0 ♘c6 7.h3 ♗h5 8.b3 ♗e7 9.♖e1 0-0 10.g3 ♗b4 11.♗d2 ♗×d2 12.♕×d2 ♕f6 13.♘e5 ♘×e5 14.♗×h5 ♘c6 15.c3 ♖ad8 16.♕c2 g6 17.♗e2 e5 18.d×e5 ♕×e5 19.♖c1 ♖fe8 20.♗f1 ♘db4 21.♕b2 ♘d3 22.♗×d3 ♖×d3 23.♘a3 ♕f5 24.♘c4 b5 25.♘e3 ♕×h3 26.♕e2 ♘e5 27.♖d1 ♖ed8 28.♖×d3 ♖×d3 29.♖d1 ♖×d1+ 30.♕×d1 h5 31.♕d8+ ♔h7 32.♕f6 ♕e6 33.♕f4 ♔g7 34.♕d4 ♕f6 35.♕×a7 ♘f3+ 36.♔g2 ♘e1+
½-½

Gradsky,Benjamin (2037) − NM Saleem, Arshaq (2252) [E63] (4), 26.08.2018
1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 0-0 5.♘f3 d6 6.d4 ♘c6 7.0-0 a6 8.h3 ♗d7 9.e4 e5 10.d5 ♘d4 11.♘×d4 e×d4 12.♕×d4 ♕c8 13.h4 ♘g4 14.♕d2 ♘e5 15.b3 b5 16.c×b5 a×b5 17.♗b2 ♖b8 18.♘d1 ♕b7 19.♘e3 ♕b6 20.♔h1 f5 21.f4 ♘f7 22.♗×g7 ♔×g7 23.e×f5 g×f5 24.♘c2 ♘h6 25.♕d4+ ♔f7 26.♕×b6 ♖×b6 27.♘b4 ♖a8 28.♖ac1 ♖b7 29.♗f3 ♘g8 30.♖c2 ♘f6 31.♖fc1 ♖aa7 32.♖e1 ♖a8 33.♔g2 ♔f8 34.♖ec1
½-½

Annotated by Cub Noble

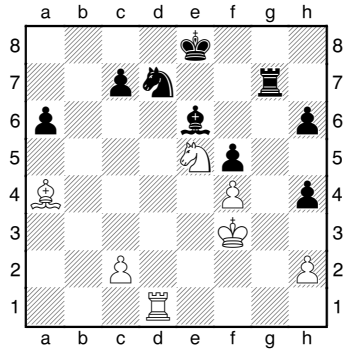
Noble,Cub Rollin (1781) − NM Zaloznyy,Mike (2241) [B07] (4), 26.08.2018

[With round 3 ending well for me, I was paired against another Master in round 4. Let's see if lightning could strike twice.] **1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 e5 4.d×e5 d×e5** [At the Okoboji Open this year, I faced this same line and declined the trade of Queens and was crushed. Let's try trading them and see how things go.] **5.♕×d8+ ♔×d8 6.♗g5 ♗e6 7.♘f3 ♘bd7 8.0-0-0 ♔c8** [I'm now realizing that the e4 pawn is dangerously weak. After ♘c5 I don't have a good active way of defending it. Also, the knight on f3 doesn't have a good future. Let's try to fix that.] **9.♘e1** [This was your idea to fix it? ♘e1 followed by f3, ♘d3. That is way too slow and could lose material.] **9...♗b4** [Yep, you are losing material... Try to play it off like it was a part of the plan. All out pressure from this point forward.] **10.f3 ♗×c3 11.b×c3 ♗×a2 12.c4** [Part of a plan to trap the Bishop on a2. It isn't trapped, but it gives me some decent counter play.] **12...♘b6 13.c5 ♘bd7 14.c6 b×c6** [I took my longest think of the game here. I'm two pawns down with a king that would like shelter. I knew what move I wanted to play, but I wanted to take a look at all of my options. f4, ♘d3, ♔b2, ♗a6+, c4. Nothing seemed to give me enough time to keep the pressure on the way I was hoping for. Of my 90 minutes in this game, I dropped to 32 remaining while he had 78 before settling on what I went with in the game.] **15.♗a6+ ♔d8** [I was torn between ♘d3 or f4. In the moment, it felt like the pressure of f4 was more immediate, but I think ♘d3 was the stronger move.] **16.f4 ♖b8 17.♘f3** [I could've played f×e5 but I didn't like the continuation of ...♖b1 ♔d2 ♖×d1 ♔×d1 ♘×e5 then my pieces aren't in the game and my attacking chances are gone. Instead, with ♘f3, I can threaten f×e5 and my rooks are connected.] **17...h6** [Well... I could take the knight, but trading while still down material isn't going to help me.] **18.♗h4 g5 19.♘×e5?!** [Hear me out. I'm dropping the h4

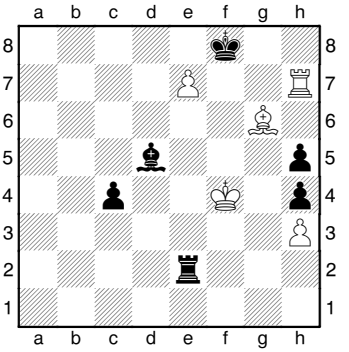


bishop, but if after ♖b1+ and trading a pair of rooks, I will have pressure on d7 that isn't easy to cover. Also, c6 is loose and the Bishop on a2 doesn't have any squares to go to. It looks bad, but it was worth a shot.] **19...♖b1+ 20.♔d2 ♖×d1+ 21.♖×d1 g×h4 22.♔e3** [Centralized king covering up the weaknesses, there is still play here.] **22...♖g8 23.♔f3** [Stopping the rook taking on g2 and any ♘g4 ideas trading off more material.] **23...♔e8 24.♘×c6** [Now the knight is stuck on d7 for a while due to the mate threat on d8. The bishop

is still iffy on a2 and there is a threat of ♗c8 followed with e5 winning back the piece.] **24...♘×e4** [This was a bit of a shocker. Now the pressure on d7 comes in heavy, material is close to being even. If I take out the a7 pawn then trade everything down, I could hold the ending. I'm still down on time, 13 minutes to 47.] **25.♔×e4 ♖×g2 26.♗b5** [Starting the pile up on d7. Again, he can't move the knight due to mate on d8.] **26...a6 27.♗a4 ♗e6 28.♘e5 f5+ 29.♔f3 ♖g7** [And now everything of his is



covered. I completely missed the f5+ allowing the rook to cover on g7. Now with 2 minutes left to his 29, I needed a new plan and one wasn't coming fast enough. Just wing it and see what happens.] **30.♗c6 ♔d8 31.♗b7 ♔e7 32.♗×a6 ♘×e5+ 33.f×e5 c6** [Well, it isn't pretty, but I feel like I could hold this. I got rid of his annoying a−pawn. Let my pieces do some infiltration work and see where the position goes. At this point, I'm playing off of the increment.] **34.♖d6 ♖g4 35.♗d3** [Let's centralize everything. Don't fall for ♖×c6 ♗d5+. Cover the rook's infiltration point of e4. Possibly threaten f5 on a good day. The rook can't get into g3. Just be patient, wait for an opportunity.] **35...c5 36.c4 h5** [If 36...♗×c4 then 37.♗×f5] **37.♖b6** [More of a waiting move. Keep the king from advancing and possibly kick the king back with ♖b7+] **37...♗×c4 38.♗×f5 ♗d5+ 39.♔e3 ♖b4** [With less than 30 seconds on my clock to his 18 minutes, I wasn't liking the ideas I was seeing with ♖×b4. I thought his light squared bishop would cover the promotion square with ♖×b4 c×b4 followed with ...♗a2 ...b3. So I opted to keep the rooks on and threaten items of my own.] **40.♖h6 ♖b3+ 41.♔f4** [Worst case scenario, my king collects the 2 h pawns and I sacrifice my bishop for his c pawn then push my h pawn down for a draw...maybe. Didn't have time to calculate.] **41...♖b2 42.♖h7+** [Kick him back to the back rank then tighten up my position.] **42...♔e8 43.h3 c4 44.e6** [I had more positional time than I thought I did. I think I can get away with ♖×h5 or ♔g5 before pushing e6.] **44...♖e2 45.♗g6+ ♔f8 46.e7+** [My time pressure finally caught up to



me. I thought I could drop this pawn, trade the rooks, have my king walk over and pick up the h pawns, sacrifice my bishop for the c−pawn, then call it a draw. After the trade of rooks, it suddenly was not as easy as I pictured it.] **46...♖×e7 47.♖×e7 ♔×e7 48.♗×h5** [At the time, this felt like the best option since his light squared bishop could cover that pawn until the end of time for his king to walk over and cover the c pawn to promotion. Get rid of the light square then walk the king over and bring the bishop back.] **48...♔f6** [I'm realizing now the mistake I made trading into this endgame. My bishop doesn't have any good squares and my king is getting boxed out and I can't cover the h3 pawn.] **49.♗d1 ♗e6 50.♗f3** [Maybe if the bishop covers the promotion square I can pick off the other pawn with my king... maybe.] **50...♗×h3 51.♔e4 ♔g5 52.♔d4 ♔f4 53.♗h1** [How are you going to get into h1 if my bishop is there?] **53...♗f1 54.♔c3 h3 55.♔d4 ♗g2** [Oh... well that's cute.] **56.♔c3 ♗×h1 57.♔×c4 ♗e4 58.♔c3 h2 59.♔d2 h1♕ 60.♔e2 ♕h2+ 61.♔f1 ♔f3 62.♔e1 ♕e2#** [Overall, I thought I played well. It was a fun game with lots of odd dynamic play. I needed to handle my time better and it ended up costing me in the end, but I gained confidence that I could play at that level for two straight games against Masters. Live and learn.]
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Rudolph,Joziah (2091) − Fiedorowicz,Owen (1776) [D00] (4), 26.08.2018
1.d4 d5 2.♗f4 ♘f6 3.e3 e6 4.c3 ♗d6 5.♗g3 ♘e4 6.♘d2 ♘×g3 7.h×g3 ♘d7 8.e4 b6 9.e5

♗e7 10.♗d3 ♗b7 11.♘e2 c5 12.♘f4 ♗g5 13.♕g4 ♗×f4 14.g×f4 g6 15.♕e2 c4 16.♗c2 b5 17.g4 ♘f8 18.f5 ♕g5 19.f6 ♘d7 20.0-0-0 a5 21.♖dg1 a4 22.a3 b4 23.a×b4 a3 24.b×a3 ♖×a3 25.♔b2 ♖a7 26.♘f3 ♕f4 27.g5 0-0 28.♖h4 ♕×h4 29.♘×h4 ♖fa8 30.♖b1 ♗c6 31.♔c1 ♗b5 32.♘g2 ♘f8 33.♘e3 ♖a3 34.♔d2 ♖a2 35.♕d1 ♖2a3 36.♕h1 ♗c6 37.♕h6 ♔h8 38.♕g7# **1-0**

Reynolds,Robert L (1991) − IM Brooks, Michael A (2378) [E67] (4), 26.08.2018
1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 d6 3.♘f3 ♘d7 4.d4 ♘gf6 5.g3 g6 6.♗g2 ♗g7 7.0-0 0-0 8.b3 ♖e8 9.♗b2 c6 10.e3 ♕e7 11.♕c2 ♘f8 12.d×e5 d×e5 13.h3 ♗f5 14.e4 ♗c8 15.♖ad1 ♘6d7 16.♕c1 ♘e6 17.♗a3 ♕f6 18.♘a4 h6 19.♘b2 ♘g5 20.♘×g5 ♕×g5 21.♕c3 ♘f8 22.h4 ♕h5 23.♗×f8 ♖×f8 24.c5 ♗g4 25.f3 ♗e6 26.♘c4 g5 27.h×g5 ♕×g5 28.g4 ♗×c4 29.♕×c4 ♖fd8 30.♖d3 ♖×d3 31.♕×d3 ♖d8 32.♕c3 ♕f4 33.♖f2 ♗f6 34.♗f1 ♗h4 35.♖g2 ♖d1 36.b4 ♔g7 37.a4 ♗g5 38.♖e2 ♗e7 39.♕b2 a5 40.b×a5 ♕g3+ 41.♖g2 ♗×c5+ 0-1

NM Neal II,James Alex (2238) − Province, Cael Douglas (1870) [C05] (4), 26.08.2018
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.♘df3 a6 8.♗d3 c4 9.♗c2 b5 10.♘e2 ♕b6 11.0-0 ♗b7 12.♔h1 g6 13.g4 h6 14.f5 g×f5 15.g×f5 0-0-0 16.♘f4 ♘e7 17.f×e6 f×e6 18.♘h5 a5 19.♗f4 b4 20.♕d2 ♗a6 21.♘h4 ♔b8 22.♗g3 ♗c8 23.♖f7 ♔a8 24.♖af1 ♗a6 25.♗d1 ♖g8 26.♖h7 b×c3 27.b×c3 ♗b5 28.♗c2 ♖g5 29.♕e2 a4 30.♗f4 ♖g8 31.♗×h6 ♗×h6 32.♖×h6 ♘f8 33.♘f6 ♖g7 34.♖h8 ♕b8 35.♖b1 a3 36.♕d1 ♖f7 37.♗a4 1-0

Zulic,Jasmin (1962) − NM Gibbins,Wilson K (2220) [A34] (4), 26.08.2018
1.♘f3 c5 2.c4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 b6 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 ♗b7 6.d3 g6 7.b3 ♗g7 8.♗b2 0-0 9.♕c2 ♘c6 10.a3 e6 11.0-0 d5 12.♖ad1 ♖e8 13.♘a2 d×e4 14.d×e4 ♕c7 15.♘c3 ♖ad8 16.♘b5 ♕b8 17.e5 ♘d7 18.♘d6 ♖f8 19.♘×b7 ♕×b7 20.♕e4 ♕c7 21.♗c1 ♘c×e5 22.♗f4 ♘×f3+ 23.♗×f3 e5 24.♗g5 f6 25.♗h4 ♖fe8 26.g4 ♘f8 27.♕c6 ♕e7 28.♗d5+ ♔h8 29.♖fe1 ♖d6 30.♕b5 ♖ed8 31.b4 ♕c7 32.b×c5 b×c5 33.♗g3 ♘e6 34.♕a4 ♘d4 35.♔g2 ♖b6 36.f4 ♕c8 37.f×e5 ♖a6 38.e×f6 ♗×f6 39.g5 ♗g7 40.♕×a6 ♕×a6 41.♖e7 ♘f5 42.♖×g7 ♔×g7 43.♗e5+ ♔f8 44.♖d3 ♖×d5 45.♖×d5 ♘e3+ 46.♔f3 ♘×d5 47.c×d5 ♕d3+ 48.♔g4 ♕×d5 49.♗f4 c4 50.a4 c3 0-1

NM McEntee,Tim R (2201) − Sheshappa, Ankith (1876) [D21] (4), 26.08.2018
1.d4 d5 2.c4 d×c4 3.e4 b5 4.♘f3 e6 5.b3 ♗b4+ 6.♗d2 ♗×d2+ 7.♕×d2 ♘f6 8.e5 ♘e4 9.♕c2 ♗b7 10.b×c4 ♘a6 11.♕b2 c6 12.♗d3 ♕a5+ 13.♔e2 c5 14.♕×b5+ ♕×b5 15.c×b5 ♘b4 16.♗×e4 ♗×e4 17.♘c3 ♗d3+ 18.♔d2 c×d4 19.♘×d4 ♖d8 20.♔e3 ♗c4 21.♖hd1 f6 22.e×f6 g×f6 23.a3 ♘d5+ 24.♘×d5 ♗×d5 25.g3 ♔f7 26.♖ac1 ♖d7 27.♘c6 ♖b7 28.a4 ♖e8 29.♖d4 ♔g6 30.♘b4 ♗b3 31.♘d3 e5 32.♖b4 ♗d5 33.♖c5 ♖d7 34.b6 a×b6 35.♖×b6 ♔f7 36.a5 ♖ed8 37.a6 ♗a8 38.♖c3 ♖d4 39.a7 ♖e4+ 40.♔d2 ♖ed4 41.♔e2 ♖e4+ 42.♔f1 ♖ed4 43.♖c7+ ♔g8 44.♘e1 f5 45.♖b8 ♗e4 46.♖×d8+ ♖×d8 47.♔e2 f4 48.f3 f×g3 49.h×g3 ♗d5 50.♘c2 e4 51.f4 ♗e6 52.♘e3 ♗d7 53.♖×d7 1-0

Girish,Adarsh (1323) − Curfman,Troy (1721) [C10] (4), 26.08.2018
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘c6 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.e×d5 e×d5 6.♗e2 ♘e4 7.0-0 ♗e7 8.♘e5 ♘×c3 9.b×c3 ♘×e5 10.d×e5 0-0 11.♖e1 ♖b8 12.♗g4 f5 13.♗f3 ♗e6 14.♗e3 b6 15.♕e2 c6 16.♖ad1 ♕c7 17.a4 ♖bd8 18.h3 ♖f7 19.♔h1 ♖c8 20.♗c1 ♗f8 21.♗f4 g6 22.g4 ♕e7 23.g5 ♕a3 24.c4 d×c4 25.♖d6 ♗×d6 26.e×d6 ♗d7 27.♗c1 ♕×d6 28.♖d1 ♕e6 29.♕×e6 ♗×e6 30.♖d6 ♗d5 31.♗×d5 c×d5 32.♖×d5 ♖e7 33.♗e3 ♖cc7 34.♖d8+ ♔f7 35.♗f4 ♖cd7 36.♖h8 ♔g7 37.♖c8 ♖e4 38.♗g3 h6 39.g×h6+ ♔×h6 40.♖h8+ ♔g7 41.♖c8 g5 42.♔g2 f4 43.♗h2 c3 44.♖×c3 ♖×a4 45.♔f3 ♔f6 46.♔g4 ♖d5 47.h4 f3+ 48.♔g3 ♖×h4 49.♖×f3+ ♔e6 50.♖e3+ ♖e5 51.♖f3 ♖f5 52.♖e3+ ♔f7 53.♖d3 a5 54.♔g2 ♖×h2+ 55.♔×h2 ♖×f2+ 56.♔g3 ♖×c2 57.♖d7+ ♔e6 58.♖h7 b5 59.♔g4 a4 60.♔×g5 a3 61.♖h1 a2 62.♖a1 b4 63.♖e1+ ♔d5 64.♖d1+ ♔c4 65.♔f4 b3 0-1

NM Zaloznyy,Mike (2241) − GM Gareyev, Timur (2679) [A07] (5), 26.08.2018
1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.♗g2 ♗g4 4.♘e5 ♗f5 5.c4 e6 6.b3 f6 7.♘f3 e5 8.d3 ♗b4+ 9.♗d2 ♗×d2+ 10.♘b×d2 ♘e7 11.e4 d×e4 12.d×e4 ♗e6 13.♕c2 a5 14.a3 c5 15.♘f1 a4 16.b4 ♘bc6 17.♖d1 ♕b6 18.b5 ♘d4 19.♘×d4 c×d4 20.♘d2 0-0 21.♖b1 ♕c5 22.♖b4 ♘c8 23.0-0 ♘b6 24.♖c1 ♖fd8 25.♕d3 ♖dc8 26.♗f3 ♘d7 27.♗d1 ♕b6 28.♗×a4 ♘c5 29.♕c2 ♖a7 30.♕d1 ♖ca8 31.♗c2 ♖×a3 32.♘b3 ♘a6 33.c5 ♘×c5 34.♘×c5 ♕×c5 35.♗b3 ♕×b4 36.♗×e6+ ♔h8 37.♔g2 ♖c3 38.♖a1 ♖×a1 39.♕×a1 ♕a3 40.♕d1 b6 41.f4 e×f4 42.♕×d4 ♕b2+ 0-1

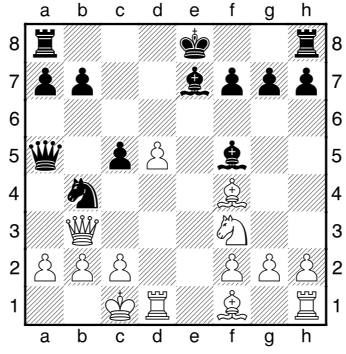
IM Brooks,Michael A (2378) − Rudolph, Joziah S (2091) [A49] (5), 26.08.2018
1.♘f3 d6 2.e4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.g3 ♗g7 5.♗g2 0-0 6.0-0 e5 7.d4 ♘c6 8.d×e5 d×e5 9.♗g5 ♕×d1 10.♖f×d1 h6 11.♗e3 ♔h7 12.h3 b6 13.a3 ♘e8 14.♘d5 ♗b7 15.♖ac1 ♘d8 16.c4 c6 17.♘b4 c5 18.♘d3 ♘c6 19.b4 f5 20.e×f5 e4 21.f×g6+ ♔h8 22.♘f4 e×f3 23.♗×f3 ♘d8 24.♗×b7 ♘×b7 25.♖d7 ♘d8 26.♘h5 ♘f6 27.♖×g7 ♘×h5 28.♖h7+ ♔g8 29.b×c5 ♘e6

30.c×b6 a×b6 31.♖×h6 ♘hg7 32.♗×b6 ♖×a3 33.♔g2 ♖a2 34.♖f1 ♖c2 35.♖h4 ♖f6 36.♖g4 ♘f5 37.h4 ♘eg7 38.♗d8 ♖×c4 39.♗×f6 ♖×g4 40.♗×g7 ♘×g7 41.♔h3 ♖×g6 42.g4 ♖e6 43.g5 ♖e4 44.f4 ♘f5 45.♖f2 ♖e1 46.♔g4 ♘d4 47.f5 ♖g1+ 48.♔h5 ♔f7 49.f6 ♘e6 50.♖f3 ♖g2 51.♖f1 ♖g3 52.♖f2 ♖g1 53.♖f3 ♖g2 54.♖f1 ♖g3 55.♔h6 ♘×g5 56.♖a1
½-½

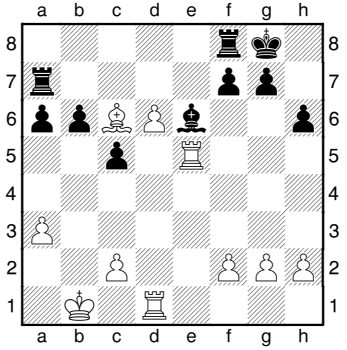
Annotated by NM Arshaq Saleem

NM Saleem,Arshaq (2252) − Shoykhet, Benjamin (1982) [A43] (5), 25.08.2018

[After a couple of bad draws due to lazy play in rounds 3 and 4, I had to win this game to assure myself of qualifying points.] **1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 c5 3.d5 e6 4.♘c3** [This leads to the 'Schmid Benoni'. I saw my opponent play it in the first round and draw against NM Iwu, so I prepared this line for White before the game.] **4...e×d5 5.♘×d5 ♘×d5 6.♕×d5** [White's main plan will be to prevent Black from ever playing d5 (e.g. with e4, ♗c4, ♖d1 etc.).] **6...♗e7?!** [this is just not a good move−order as it allows White to prevent Black from playing d6] **7.♗f4! ♘c6 8.0−0−0** [Now Black won't even be able to play with d6. White can simply play ♗d6 and will have a nice positional advantage. My opponent decided it was time to burn all the bridges and went for] **8...♘b4?!** [8...0-0 was best.] **9.♕b3 d5?!** [Black is playing too aggressively despite not having developed anything.] **10.e4 ♕a5?!** [10...d4 is better, but White can win a pawn with 11.c3 ♘c6 12.c×d4 c×d4 13.♘×d4 ♘×d4 14.♕a4+] **11.e×d5 ♗f5** [This is the critical position. Had I



put some effort into calculating here, the game would have ended quite abruptly. Unfortunately, I chose the lazy continuation.] **12.♘e1??** [Really just a terrible move. I thought I would be able to preserve all the advantages of my position and he would have no play, but I miss two simple wins in the process. 12.a3! is one way to go 12...♘×c2 13.d6 ♗f6 14.d7+ ♔f8 15.♘g5 ♗g6 16.♗d6+ ♔g8 17.♘×f7! ♗×f7 18.♗c4 is lights out.; Even simpler is 12.c3! ♘×a2+ *(12...♗c2 13.c×b4+-)* 13.♔d2 and Black is hopelessly tied up. ♖a1 or ♗c4 will come next move, picking up the knight and the game.] **12...♘a2+ 13.♔b1 ♘b4** [now Black is much in the game.] **14.d6** [14.♗d3 was another way to go.; White already has to be careful, as 14.♘d3? is crushed by 14...c4! 15.♕×c4 ♖c8] **14...♗f6 15.♘d3?** [15.d7+ ♗×d7 16.♖×d7 ♔×d7 17.♕×f7+ ♗e7 18.♗c4 would have given a tremendous attack] **15...♗e6 16.♕a3 ♕×a3 17.b×a3 ♘d5 18.♗d2 b6?!** [Not incisive enough. 18...0-0-0 19.♘×c5 ♖×d6 would have given Black a clear edge.] **19.♘f4** [now White is fine.] **19...♘×f4 20.♗×f4 0−0?!** [this doesn't really make much sense. The king is needed in the center. 20...c4! followed by ♔d7 would have dramatically reduced White's chances.] **21.♗b5 a6 22.♗c6 ♖a7** [another strange move. As we'll see, the rook on a7 really messes things up for Black. 22...♖ac8 should have been tried.] **23.♖he1 h6** [Here I realized that White can't make progress with the current piece constellation, so I started trading.] **24.♗e5 ♗×e5 25.♖×e5** [the rook turns out to be amazingly placed here, eyeing the c5-pawn.]



25...♖d8 [25...♗d7? 26.♖e7 Now we see why the rook on a7 is bad.] **26.f4** [threatening f5] **26...g6 27.♔b2 ♔g7 28.♔c3 ♔f6 29.a4** [Now White threatens a5, to break up Black's queenside pawns.] **29...a5** [not a desirable move to make, but Black didn't have very many options. 29...♖c8! was still the best among the options 30.d7 ♖d8 31.♖b1 b5 32.a×b5 a×b5 33.♖×b5 ♗×d7 34.♖b×c5 and White still has winning chances, but Black is also close to a draw.] **30.♖d2** [preparing ♖e1-b1] **30...♖c8 31.♗b5 ♖ca8** [Black protects the rook on a7 so ♗d7 can

finally be played (without fearing ♖e7), but this is too little, too late.] **32.♖e1 ♗d7 33.♖b1 ♖b8 34.♗×d7 ♖×d7 35.♔c4 ♔e6 36.♖e1+ ♔f5 37.♔b5+-** [Black is helpless against the invasion.] **37...♔×f4 38.♔c6 ♖bb7 39.♖f2+ ♔g5 40.♖e8 f5 41.♖c8 ♖f7 42.♖c7 ♖b×c7+ 43.d×c7 ♖f6+ 44.♔b7 ♖f7 45.♔b8 ♖f8+ 46.c8♕ ♖×c8+ 47.♔×c8 ♔g4 48.♔c7** [A big thanks to Marc, Bill, Eric and Jim for once again making the event run smoothly.]
1-0

NM McEntee,Tim R (2201) − NM Wan,Joseph Cheng−Yue (2275) [A40] (5), 26.08.2018
1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.e4 ♗b7 4.♗d3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗×d2+ 6.♘×d2 ♘h6 7.♕h5 0-0 8.♘gf3 f5 9.h3 f×e4 10.♘×e4 ♖f5 11.♕h4 ♕×h4 12.♘×h4 ♖f4 13.g3 ♗×e4 14.g×f4 ♗×d3 15.♖c1 ♘f5 16.♘×f5 ♗×f5 17.♖c3 ♘c6 18.d5 ♘b4 0-1

Madison,Jeremy M (2045) − NM Neal II, James Alex (2238) [D02] (5), 26.08.2018
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d5 3.♗f4 ♘bd7 4.e3 g6 5.♘bd2 c5 6.c3 ♗g7 7.♗d3 0-0 8.h4 ♘h5 9.♗h2 f5 10.♘g5 ♕b6 11.♕b3 ♕×b3 12.a×b3 ♖f6 13.♗e2 c×d4 14.e×d4 ♖b6 15.♗×h5 g×h5 16.0-0 ♘f8 17.♗c7 ♖c6 18.♗e5 ♗×e5 19.d×e5
½-½

NM Richter,Alex (2341) − Takahashi,Michael (2047) [C17] (5), 26.08.2018
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.♗d2 ♘e7 6.♘b5 ♗×d2+ 7.♕×d2 0-0 8.f4 a6 9.♘d6 c×d4 10.♘f3 ♘bc6 11.♗d3 f6 12.0-0 ♗d7 13.♕e1 ♕b6 14.a3 ♘c8 15.♘×c8 ♖a×c8 16.♕h4 h6 17.g4 f×e5 18.f×e5 ♖f4 19.♕h3 ♕c7 20.♖ae1 ♘e7 21.g5 ♘f5 22.g×h6 ♘×h6 23.♔h1 ♘f5 24.♖g1 ♖×f3 25.♕×f3 ♖f8 26.♖g5 ♗b5 27.♗×f5 e×f5 28.♖×f5 ♖×f5 29.♕×f5 ♕f7 30.♕×f7+ ♔×f7 31.♖d1 ♔e6 32.♖×d4 ♔e5 33.c3 ♗c4 34.♔g1 b5 35.b4 ♗e2 36.♔f2 ♗h5 37.♔e3 g5 38.♖d2 ♗f7 39.♖f2 ♗g6 40.♖g2 ♔f5 41.♔d4 ♔f4 42.♖g3 ♗e4 43.♔c5 g4 44.♔b6 ♗f3 45.♔×a6 ♗e2 46.♔a5 ♔e4 47.a4 b×a4 48.♔×a4 1-0

Fiedorowicz,Owen (1776) − NM Kosokin, Valeriy (2173) [B53] (5), 26.08.2018
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♕×d4 a6 5.c4 ♘c6 6.♕d3 g6 7.♘c3 ♗g7 8.♗e3 ♘f6 9.♗e2 ♘g4 10.♗d4 ♘×d4 11.♘×d4 ♘×f2 12.♔×f2 ♕b6 13.♖hd1 e5 14.♘d5 ♕a7 15.♘c7+ ♔d8 16.♘×a8 e×d4 17.♕a3 ♕×a8 18.♕×d6+ ♔e8 19.♗f3 ♗e6 20.e5 ♕d8 21.♕×d8+ ♔×d8 22.♖×d4+ ♔c7 23.♖e1 ♗f8 24.♔g3 ♗c5 25.♖d3 ♖e8 26.♗d5 ♗f5 27.♖b3 b6 28.a3 f6 29.e6 ♗d4 30.h3 h5 31.♔h2 ♖e7 32.♔h1 ♔d6 33.♖e2 ♗c5 34.♖d2 ♔c7 35.♖f3 a5 36.b4 a×b4 37.a×b4 ♗×b4 38.♖a2 ♔d6 39.♖a8 ♗c5 40.♖f1 ♗d4 41.♖d1 ♔e5 42.♖e1+ ♔f4 43.♖f8 ♗e5 44.♖g8 ♔g5 45.♖a8 ♗×e6 46.♗×e6 ♖×e6 47.♖a6 ♖c6 48.♖c1 h4 49.♖a4 ♗d4 50.♖b4 ♗c5 51.♖b5 ♖e6 52.♖b3 ♖e2 53.♖d3 f5 54.g3 ♔h5 55.♖dc3 h×g3 56.♖×g3 g5 57.♖d1 ♔h4 58.♖f3 g4 59.♖×f5 g3 60.♖×c5 b×c5 61.♖d5 ♔×h3
½-½

Deshpande,Neil (1995) − Noble,Cub Rollin (1781) [B11] (5), 26.08.2018
1.e4 c6 2.♘c3 d5 3.♘f3 b5 4.e×d5 b4 5.♘e4 c×d5 6.♘g3 e6 7.d4 ♗d6 8.♗d3 ♘f6 9.♗g5 ♕c7 10.♗×f6 g×f6 11.♘h5 ♘d7 12.♗b5 ♔e7 13.♕d2 h6 14.0-0 a5 15.♕e2 ♗b7 16.♖ac1 ♖ag8 17.c3 ♕d8 18.♘h4 ♗b8 19.c×b4 a×b4 20.♕f3 f5 21.♖fe1 ♔f8 22.♗×d7 ♗×h2+ 23.♔×h2 ♕×h4+ 24.♔g1 ♖g4 25.♘g3 f4 26.♘e2 ♖hg8 27.♗c8 ♖×g2+ 28.♕×g2 ♖×g2+ 29.♔×g2 ♕g4+ 30.♔f1 f3 31.♘f4 ♕×f4 32.♖ed1 ♕h2 33.♔e1 ♕g1+ 34.♔d2 ♕×f2+ 35.♔d3 ♕e2# 0-1

Peterson,Gregory (1836) − Reynolds,Robert L (1991) [A25] (5), 26.08.2018
1.c4 ♘c6 2.g3 e5 3.♗g2 g6 4.♘c3 ♗g7 5.e4 ♘d4 6.♘ge2 ♘e6 7.0-0 ♘e7 8.d3 ♘c6 9.♗e3 0-0 10.♕d2 d6 11.♖ae1 ♗d7 12.f4 ♘ed4 13.h3 a6 14.♔h2 b5 15.b3 ♘×e2 16.♖×e2 ♖b8 17.♖ef2 ♘d4 18.f×e5 d×e5 19.♘d5 f6 20.♗h6 b×c4 21.d×c4 ♗e6 22.♔h1 ♗×d5 23.e×d5 ♘f5 24.♖×f5 g×f5 25.♖×f5 ♕e8 26.g4 ♕g6 27.♗e3 e4 28.♗×e4 ♖be8 29.♕d3 h5 30.♖e5 f5 31.♗×f5 ♕f6 32.♖×e8 ♖×e8 33.♗e6+ ♔h8 34.♕f5 ♕×f5 35.g×f5 ♗e5 36.♔g2 ♖e7 37.♔f3 ♖g7 38.♔e4 ♗f6 39.♗f4 ♖g2 40.♗×c7 ♖×a2 41.d6 ♖h2 42.d7 ♖×h3 43.♗e5 1-0

Lodh,Anish (1958) − Walker,Brent P (1741) [B22] (5), 26.08.2018
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.c3 g6 4.d4 c×d4 5.c×d4 d5 6.e×d5 ♕×d5 7.♘c3 ♕d8 8.d5 ♘b8 9.♗f4 ♘f6 10.♗c4 a6 11.0-0 ♗g7 12.♖e1 0-0 13.d6 e6 14.a4 ♘c6 15.♖b1 ♘d7 16.♗g5 ♕a5 17.♘e4 h6 18.♗ 19.♗e3 ♕d8 20.b5 ♘ce5 21.♘×e5 ♘×e5 22.♗e2 ♘d7 23.b×a6 b×a6 24.♕d2 ♔h7 25.♗f3 ♖b8 26.♖×b8 ♘×b8 27.♖c1 ♘d7 28.♖c7 f5 29.♘c5 ♘×c5 30.♗×c5 ♗d7 31.♕a5 ♕f6 32.g3 ♕a1+ 33.♔g2 ♕×a4 34.♕b6 ♕b5 35.♕a7 ♖f7 36.♖b7 ♕a4 37.♖b6 ♗e8 38.♕a8 ♗d7 39.♖×a6 ♕b5 40.♖a5 ♕c4 41.♕d8 ♗f6 42.♕b6 e5 43.♖a8 ♖g7 44.♕c7 ♕e6 45.♕b6 e4 46.♗d1 e3 47.♗×e3 ♗e5 48.♗c5 ♖g8 49.♗b3 ♗c6+ 50.f3 ♗d5 51.♖a7+ ♖g7 52.♗a4 ♗f6 53.♗b5 ♗c4 54.♗×c4 ♕×c4 55.d7 ♕e2+ 56.♗f2 ♕d2 57.♕×f6 1-0

Pattrick,Earney R (1500) − Alexander,Roger K (1805) [D00] (5), 26.08.2018

1.f4 d5 2.♘f3 c5 3.e3 ♘c6 4.d4 e6 5.c3 ♘f6 6.♗d3 ♗e7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♘e5 ♕c7 9.♘d2 a6 10.♕e1 b5 11.♘df3 b4 12.♘×c6 ♕×c6 13.♘e5 ♕c7 14.g4 ♘e4 15.g5 b×c3 16.b×c3 c4 17.♗×e4 d×e4 18.♕e2 a5 19.♕h5 ♗d7 20.♗d2 ♗e8 21.♕g4 f5 22.g×f6 ♖×f6 23.♔h1 ♗g6 24.♗e1 ♗f5 25.♕e2 ♖c8 26.♗h4 ♖h6 27.♗×e7 ♕×e7 28.♘×c4 ♕h4 29.♘e5 ♖×c3 30.♖ac1 ♖×c1 31.♖×c1 ♕d8 32.♕a6 ♖×h2+ 33.♔g1 ♖h1+ 34.♔×h1 ♕h4+ 35.♔g1 ♕g3+ 36.♔f1 ♗h3+ 37.♔e2 ♕g2+ 38.♔d1 1-0

Mills,Michael (1805) − Lodh,Anjali (1507) [D02] (5), 26.08.2018
1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗f4 ♗f5 4.e3 e6 5.c4 ♗×b1 6.♖×b1 ♗b4+ 7.♔e2 c6 8.c5 ♗a5 9.♘d2 ♗c7 10.♗g3 ♘bd7 11.f3 ♘h5 12.♔f2 ♘df6 13.♗d3 ♘×g3 14.h×g3 b6 15.b4 b5 16.♕c2 g6 17.♖hd1 ♕b8 18.f4 ♘g4+ 19.♔e2 f5 20.♘f3 h6 21.♖h1 ♔e7 22.♖h4 ♕f8 23.♖×g4 f×g4 24.♘h4 ♔d7 25.♘×g6 ♕g7 26.♘×h8 ♖×h8 27.a4 a6 28.a5 h5 29.♖h1 ♗d8 30.♔d2 ♗f6 31.♔c3 ♔c7 32.♕f2 ♔b7 33.♖h2 ♔c7 34.e4 d×e4 35.♗×e4 ♔b7 36.♖h1 ♖d8 37.♖d1 ♔c7 38.♗c2 ♔d7 39.♕e3 ♖e8 40.♔b3 ♖e7 41.♕e4 ♔c7 42.♖d3 ♕h8 43.♗b1 ♕g7 44.♔c3 ♕f7 45.♗a2 ♔b7 46.f5 e×f5 47.♗×f7 f×e4 48.♖e3 ♖×f7 49.♖×e4 ♖d7 50.♕d3 ♔c7 51.♖f4 ♗e5 52.♖f5 ♖×d4+ 53.♔e3 ♖d5 54.♖f7+ ♖d7 55.♖f5 ♖d5 56.♔e4 ♗×g3 57.♖f8 ♖e5+ 58.♔d4 ♖d5+ 59.♔e4 ♖d8 60.♖f6 ♖e8+ 61.♔f5 ♖e5+ 62.♔g6 ♔d7 63.♖f8 ♖e8 64.♖f1 h4 65.♔g5 ♖g8+ 66.♔h6 h3 67.g×h3 g×h3 68.♔h7 ♖g4 69.♖d1+ ♔c7 70.♖b1 h2 71.♔h6 ♖h4+ 0-1

Games from the Reserve Section:

Johnson,Daniel (1462) − Freerksen,Jim S (1772) [E60] (2), 25.08.2018
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 d6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.e3 0-0 6.♘e2 ♘a6 7.0-0 c5 8.b3 ♖b8 9.♘bc3 ♗d7 10.♗b2 ♗c6 11.d5 ♗d7 12.a4 ♘c7 13.♘e4 ♘×e4 14.♗×g7 ♘×f2 15.♖×f2 ♔×g7 16.h4 h6 17.♘f4 a6 18.♕d2 b5 19.a×b5 a×b5 20.♖a7 b×c4 21.b×c4 ♖b4 22.♕c3+ f6 23.♘d3 ♖b1+ 24.♔h2 ♘a8 25.♖fa2 ♖b8 26.♘f4 g5 27.♘e6+ ♗×e6 28.d×e6 ♘b6 29.♗d5 ♘×d5 30.c×d5 ♖e8 31.h5 ♖h8 32.g4 ♕e8 33.♕d3 ♖b4 34.♖a8 c4 35.♕f5 1-0

Jacobs,Steve (1498) − Trunnell,John M (1729) [A47] (3), 25.08.2018
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 b6 3.♗g5 ♘e4 4.♗f4 ♗b7 5.e3 d6 6.♗b5+ ♘d7 7.c4 e6 8.h3 ♗e7 9.♘bd2 0-0 10.♘×e4 ♗×e4 11.0-0 ♘f6 12.♘d2 ♗b7 13.♖e1 d5 14.a3 a5 15.♖c1 ♗d6 16.♗×d6 ♕×d6 17.c5 b×c5 18.♖×c5 e5 19.♕c2 ♖fc8 20.♖c1 e×d4 21.e×d4 ♕f4 22.♕d3 ♕d6 23.g3 ♕e6 24.g4 c6 25.♗a4 ♘d7 26.♖5c3 ♘b6 27.♗c2 g6 28.♗d1 ♗a6 29.♕e3 ♕d6 30.♕e5 ♕d7 31.♖e3 ♖e8 32.♕f6 ♖×e3 33.f×e3 ♕c7 34.♕f3 ♖e8 35.♗b3 ♕d6 36.♖c5 a4 37.♗c2 ♗b5 38.♔g2 ♘d7 39.♖c3 ♔g7 40.g5 f6 41.g×f6+ ♘×f6 42.♗d3 ♗×d3 43.♖×d3 ♖f8 44.♕e2 ♘e4 45.♘×e4 d×e4 46.♖c3 ♖f3 47.♕e1 ♕e6 48.♕h4 h5 49.♔h2 ♔h6 50.♖c2 g5 51.♖×c6 ♕×c6 52.♕e1 ♕e6 53.♔g1 ♕×h3 54.d5 ♖g3+ 55.♕×g3 ♕×g3+ 56.♔f1 ♕×e3 0-1

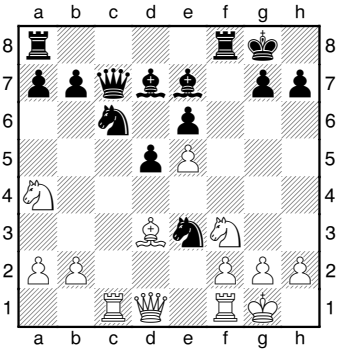
Kozich,Andrew John (1656) − Meyer,Joseph Richard (1762) [E61] (3), 25.08.2018
1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 c5 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.e3 ♘c6 6.♘ge2 d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4 c×d4 9.e×d4 ♘h5 10.a3 a5 11.♗e3 f5 12.♕d2 ♘f6 13.♖fd1 ♘g4 14.♗f4 ♕e8 15.h3 ♘f6 16.♘b5 ♕f7 17.b3 a4 18.♘ec3 ♘a5 19.b×a4 ♘b3 20.♕e2 ♘×a1 21.♖×a1 ♔h8 22.♖e1 ♘e4 23.♘×e4 f×e4 24.♗×e4 ♖×a4 25.♗d5 ♕f6 26.♕×e7 ♕×e7 27.♖×e7 ♗f6 28.♖e1 ♗×h3 29.♗×d6 ♖d8 30.♗b4 ♗c8 31.♘d6 ♔g7 32.♘e8+ ♖×e8 33.♖×e8 [and White went on to win in a few moves.] **1-0**

Curfman,Troy (1732) − Johnson,Daniel (1462) [E09] (3), 25.08.2018
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 c6 5.♕c2 ♗e7 6.♗g2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.♘bd2 ♘bd7 9.e4 a5 10.e5 ♘e8 11.♖e1 ♗a6 12.h4 h5 13.b3 g6 14.♘f1 ♘g7 15.♘g5 ♖e8 16.♗h3 ♘f8 17.♘h2 d×c4 18.♖d1 c×b3 19.a×b3 ♗×g5 20.♗×g5 ♕d7 21.g4 ♘h7 22.♗h6 f5 23.e×f6 ♘×f6 24.♕×g6 ♕f7 25.♕c2 ♖ac8 26.♗×g7 ♕×g7 27.g5 ♘d5 28.♖ac1 ♘f4 29.♗g2 ♘e2+ 30.♔h1 ♘×c1 31.♕×c1 ♔h8 32.♘f3 ♗e2 33.♖d2 ♗×f3 34.♗×f3 ♖ed8 35.♕c4 ♕d7 36.♖d1 e5 37.♔g1 e×d4 38.♗×h5 c5 39.♕e2 ♕d5 40.♕e7 ♖f8 41.♗g6 ♕g8 42.h5 ♕g7 43.♕e4 ♖c7 44.♖e1 ♕d7 45.h6 ♖fc8 46.♕e5+ 1-0

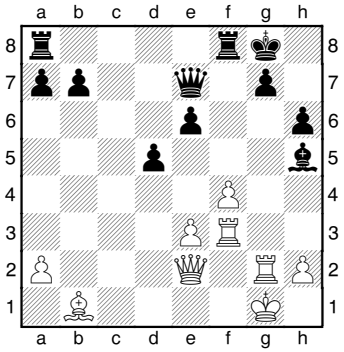
Desai,Swapnil (1656) − Kozich,Andrew John (1656) [B13] (3), 25.08.2018
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e×d5 c×d5 4.♗d3 ♘c6 5.c3 ♘f6 6.♗f4 ♗g4 7.♘f3 e6 8.♘bd2 ♗d6 9.♗×d6 ♕×d6 10.0-0 0-0 11.♖e1 ♖ab8 12.h3 ♗h5 13.♘f1 b5 14.♘g3 ♗g6 15.a3 a5 16.♘e5 ♗×d3 17.♕×d3 ♘d7 18.♘×c6 ♕×c6 19.f4 b4 20.a×b4 a×b4 21.♖a6 ♖b6 22.♖×b6 ♕×b6 23.f5 b×c3 24.b×c3 e5 25.♖b1 ♕a7 26.♖b5 ♕a1+ 27.♔h2 e4 28.♕e3 ♘f6 29.♖c5 ♖e8 30.♘e2 h6 31.♘f4 ♕a2 32.♘e2 ♖b8 33.♘c1 ♕b1 34.c4 d×c4 35.♖×c4 ♘d5 36.♕g3 ♖d8 37.♕e5 ♘e3 38.♖c7 ♕b2 39.♕×e4 ♕f2 40.♘d3 ♘f1+ 41.♔h1 ♘g3+ 42.♔h2 ♘×e4 43.♘×f2 ♘×f2 44.♔g3 ♘d3 45.♖c4 ♘b2 46.♖c2 ♘a4 47.♖c4 ♘b6 48.♖c6 ♘d5 49.♔g4 ♘e7 50.♖c4 ♖d5 51.f6 g×f6 ½-½

Annotated by Mark Capron with help from Fritz 8 (310s)

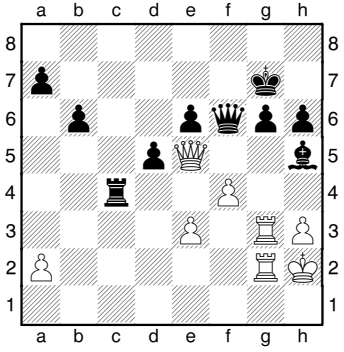
Trunnell,John M (1729) – Curfman, Troy (1732) [C02] 2018 Iowa Reserve Championship Coralville, IA (4), 25.08.2018
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♗d7 6.♗d3 c×d4 7.c×d4 ♕b6 8.♗e2 ♘ge7 9.♘c3 ♘f5 [Piling up on d4. Will it fall?] **10.♘a4 ♕c7=** [Throwing away Black's advantage. 10...♗b4+ 11.♔f1 ♕d8 12.♔g1∓; 10...♕a5+] **11.0-0 ♗e7± 12.♗e3 0-0 13.♗d3∓** [giving it right back.] **13...f6?** [Secures g5, however ⩲13...♘×e3 14.f×e3 ♘b4 15.♘c5=] **14.♖c1 f×e5 15.d×e5** [⩲15.♗×f5!? and White is still in the game 15...♖×f5 16.♘×e5=] **15...♘×e3∓**



16.f×e3 ♕b8 17.♘c5 ♗×c5 18.♖×c5 h6 [18...♘×e5 19.♖c2∓] **19.♖c1 ♘×e5 20.♗b1?** [20.♘×e5 ♕×e5] **20...♘×f3+** [20...♗b5 21.♖e1 ♘×f3+ 22.g×f3 ♕e5] **21.g×f3 ♕e5 22.♕d3 ♗c6 23.f4 ♕×b2 24.♖c2?-+** [24.♕h7+ ♔f7⩱ ; 24.♖c3 ♖ac8∓] **24...♕f6** [⩲24...♕b5!? 25.♕d4 ♕a4-+] **25.♖g2∓ ♕f5 26.♕e2 ♕f6 27.♖g6** [⩲27.♕d3= would keep White in the game] **27...♕e7 28.♖f3 ♗e8 29.♖g2 ♗h5?=** [Black lost his



way. ⩲29...♖c8 30.♕d3 ♖c1+ 31.♖f1 ♖×f1+ 32.♔×f1 ♖f5-+] **30.♕d3 ♖f5 31.♖fg3** [The backward pawn on g7 becomes a target] **31...g6 32.♕d4 ♕f6 33.♕b4 b6 34.h3** [Covers g4] **34...♖c8 35.♗×f5 ♕×f5** [35...e×f5 is stronger.] **36.♕e7 ♕f7 37.♕d6 ♔g7 38.♔h2 ♖c4 39.♕e5+ ♕f6??** [an unfortunate move that



relinquishes any chances. ⩲39...♔h7= was the best way to fight back] **40.♕×h5+-** [40.♕×h5 ♕f5 41.♖×g6+ ♔f8 42.♕h4 ♕g5 43.♖2×g5 ♖c2+ 44.♖g2 ♖×g2+ 45.♔×g2 d4 46.♕f6+ ♔e8 47.♖g7 d×e3 48.♕e7#] **1-0**

Mother Child pairs from the RBO section.

Iowa Chess Hall of Fame

At the annual meeting in March or April 2019 I (Mark Capron) would like to put to a vote the following two motions.

1) Institute an Iowa Chess Hall of Fame. Each year 1 player may be voted in. The IASCA board shall put forth a short list of nominees in the January issue of the En Passant to be voted on by the members at the annual meeting held in March or April of that same year. The names of all members of the Iowa Chess Hall of Fame will be listed in the state magazine, "Iowa Chess News En Passant."

2) The first year will have an exception that more than one person can be entered into the Hall of Fame. The nominees for the first year will be John Osness, Roger Gotschall and Louis Paulsen. The vote will be either yes or no for each of these players at the annual meeting unlike future years where the top vote getter will be entered into the Hall of Fame.

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